

SSIRWMP Planning Committee Meeting
Brainstorming Notes: Policies and Projects
November 18, 2009

- Green infrastructure for flood control: BMP's re habitat enhancement, erosion control and air quality
- Invasive Species: remove tamarisk, arrundo, etc
- Water retention on grazing lands---RDM standards/BMP's--- relocate water sources for livestock to conserve riparian zones. Control, don't exclude , grazing
- Watershed protection through exclusion of development, eg, Deer Creek and other flood prone areas in order to protect water quality
- Monitor wells for quality and quantity. Assemble all data on one table, eg, nitrates, radon, salts etc.
- Promote use of sustainable gardening practices. No pesticides. Use native plants in landscaping. Compile preferred list of fire and drought resistant/tolerant plant species.
- Establish "certified" habitats, ie, documented foraging and nesting habitats. No pesticides.
- Establish hydrologic capacity of major watersheds, eg, Kaweah, Tule, Kern watersheds. Use figures in "water budgeting", development of general plans, and in evaluation of project level plans. Monitor and amend as needed.
- Meadow restoration, eg, Big Meadows restoration project (USFS). Develop ranking protocol and use it to develop prioritized list of meadows in need of restoration.
- SPUD: needs a discharge permit to discharge tertiary effluent directly to the Tule River or needs to build a pipe to orange grower's land to dispose of effluent. Evaporation ponds insufficient currently.
- Outlaw septic tanks in riparian areas if tests determine need to do so.