



Regional Projects

The Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group seeks to implement the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan that the Group adopted in November, 2014.

For California Department of Water Resources proposals, projects should have a regional emphasis or have impacts at a regional level. A regional basis or impact strengthens proposals to other funding agencies as well.

Regional Projects

1. Regional in size or scope (Tough in the SSRWVG region);
2. Regional impacts and benefits.

Because the Region is very large (the second or third largest in the State), it is difficult to create stand-alone projects which encompass the entire Region. However, projects may be phased temporally or geographically for feasibility. The geologic and geographic nature, including steep, incised canyons and little infrastructure, of the SSRWVG Region also may preclude cost-effective strategies addressing the entire Region.

Because very little water management has occurred in our Region, smaller-scale projects may be used as demonstrations or initial steps towards regional implementation. Demonstrations can lead phased approaches. It will be important to provide detailed descriptions of scope, scale, phases, impacts and benefits.

Examples of phased, demonstration or regional projects include:

1. Three Rivers Hydrology and Water Supply Project (and other studies and research) – very important demonstration and regional project with initial phase in Three Rivers;
2. DAC and tribal water supply and quality projects – DACs and Tribal projects provide important regional benefits and impacts to the Region through providing essential water management improvements to human communities;
3. Meadow Restoration and forest treatments – meadows may provide watershed-level impacts directly and indirectly benefit regions because of flood attenuation.



Integrated Projects

Integrated projects integrate impacts and benefits across multiple sectors including water supply and quality, tribal needs, disadvantaged community needs, flood management, ecosystem water needs, climate and drought adaptation, and others.

Integration can occur on a project basis, meaning each project is designed to integrate multiple benefits, and on a suite or a package of projects, which integrate across the projects, submitted to a funding agency.

Project integration enables projects, packages and applications to be more competitive across a wide variety of funding sources.

All of the SSRWMP projects are good projects worthy of funding. However, some projects are easier to scope, fund and implement if project proponents have information, done some initial work and are engage with expertise or funding to submit the project.

“Good” Projects

1. Meet SSRWMP goals and objectives
2. Ready
 - a. Planning/design
 - b. Permitting
 - c. Bidding
 - d. Match

“Strong” Projects

1. Project Proponent \$\$
 - a. Information-Pre-proposal form