

DRAFT FINANCE WORK GROUP CHARGE

SOUTHERN SIERRA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP AND IRWMP

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1. Charge

The charge of the Southern Sierra IRWMP's Finance Work Group includes:

1. To identify the costs associated with preparing an IRWMP implementation grant application, including staff time and attorney fees, and align in-kind member contributions to share these costs.
2. To identify the matching funds needed to support IRWMP planning and implementation, and develop a plan for meeting these costs through a variety of mechanisms (e.g., DWR funding, in-kind contributions, grants).
3. To identify grant and other fundraising opportunities for the Southern Sierra IRWMP, and lead the preparation of corresponding applications.
4. To identify strategic opportunities for advocating for funding the Southern Sierra IRWMP.

2. Key Audiences

- Funding agencies and organizations
- Elected officials and executive officers
- California Department of Water Resources

3. Participation

- Participation in the work group is voluntary and open to any RWMG member, or interested public who participates regularly in the RWMG meetings.

4. Reporting

- The work group will regularly brief the Collaborative on their work, including identifying new funding opportunities and reporting on progress and accomplishments.
- The work group may make recommendations to the RWMG, which remains the final decision-making body for the Southern Sierra IRWMP and implementation process.

5. Meeting Frequency

- The work group will meet as needed, approximately once every month or two months.

- Work group activities (e.g., leading the preparation of grant applications, identifying partners, tracking ongoing costs) will require additional time outside the meetings.

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