



What is the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan?

The Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) is a multi-stakeholder, nine-county effort to coordinate a strategic approach to regional water resources management. The Plan will build on water resources needs and planning strategies identified throughout the Bay Area, and leverage regional cooperation to more effectively address the needs identified.

The Bay Area IRWMP will inform future water resource planning by creating a road map that will help to enhance water supply reliability, protect water quality, manage flood protection, maintain public health standards, improve habitat conditions, and enhance the overall health of San Francisco Bay.

The Bay Area IRWMP is important because it fosters regional planning and cooperation, which in turn creates more efficient and effective management of water resources and improves the region's competitiveness for funding.

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE BAY AREA

INFORMATION ABOUT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

HOW WERE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BAY AREA IRWMP DEVELOPED?

The Bay Area IRWMP's regional goals and objectives encompass common interests and priorities throughout the Bay Area. Identifying and developing these goals and objectives involved:

- **Compiling issues, goals and objectives from the four functional area documents that serve as a baseline to the Bay Area IRWMP;**
- **Identifying common regional interests and overarching goals that comprise the entire Bay Area and all aspects of water management; and**
- **Refining these goals and objectives based on stakeholder feedback provided at Workshop #1 held on February 27, 2006.**

FUNCTIONAL AREA DOCUMENTS AND THE BAY AREA IRWMP

Given the large geographic scope of the Bay area region (nine counties serving seven million people), and the wide range of water management strategies being implemented, the Bay Area IRWMP development was approached as a two-step process in which information was first compiled into four functional areas of water management: Water Supply & Water Quality; Wastewater & Recycled Water; Flood Protection and Stormwater Management; and Watershed Management, Habitat Protection and Restoration.

The purpose of these functional area documents is to (1) identify specific needs and challenges relating to the specific functional area; (2) describe water management strategies; and (3) develop a list of potential strategies and implementation projects that would maximize benefits and enhance opportunities for regional cooperation.

The Bay Area IRWMP integrates these four functional area documents into a single overarching document for the Bay Area.

You're Invited to Participate

Consider sponsoring a forum to discuss the Bay Area IRWMP. Distribute information about the Bay Area IRWMP to your constituencies or membership. Provide input and other information that might be valuable to the development of the Plan. Attend a public meeting and help build support for the concept of a regional approach as well as for adoption of the Plan. Visit the project website at www.bayareairwmp.net for contact information, planned public meetings, and other informational venues.

Project Timeline for Stakeholder Workshops*

There will be four public meetings, one at each key milestone of plan development, providing opportunities for information sharing and public comment.

2006

WORKSHOP #1 FEB 27
Objectives

WORKSHOP #2 APR 24
Project Prioritization

WORKSHOP #3 JUN 26
Implementation

WORKSHOP #4 OCT 23
Public Draft Bay Area IRWMP

2007

Final Adoption JAN 1

* Tentative dates

WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BAY AREA IRWMP?

Goals and select objectives of the Bay Area IRWMP include the following:

Contribute to the promotion of economic, social, and environmental sustainability. Objectives include maintaining and promoting economic and environmental sustainability through sound water resources management practices; achieving community awareness of local flood risks; increasing community outreach and education for watershed health; and considering and addressing disproportionate community impacts.

Contribute to improved supply reliability. Objectives include meeting future demands, including dry year demands; maintaining a diverse portfolio of water supplies to maximize flexibility; minimizing vulnerability of infrastructure to catastrophes and security breaches; and increasing opportunities for recycled water use.

Contribute to the protection and improvement of hydrologic function. Objectives include protecting, restoring, and rehabilitating natural watershed processes; controlling excessive erosion; improving floodplain connectivity; and preserving land perviousness and infiltration capacity.

Contribute to the protection and improvement of the quality of water resources. Objectives include protecting surface and ground water resources from pollution and degradation; maintaining health of upland vegetation and land cover in order to reduce runoff quantity and improve runoff quality; minimizing taste and odor problems; and eliminating non-stormwater pollutant discharges to storm drains.

Contribute to the protection of public health, safety, and property. Objectives include providing clean, safe, reliable drinking water; achieving effective floodplain management; minimizing health impacts associated with polluted waterways; and maintaining performance of flood protection and stormwater facilities.

Contribute to the creation, protection, enhancement, and maintenance of environmental resources and habitats. Objectives include conserving and restoring habitat for species protection; protecting and recovering fisheries; protecting continuous wildlife corridors and connections between habitat patches; and improving structural complexity in riparian canopy, channel form, aquatic and/or tidal habitats.

Please check out the complete list of Bay Area IRWMP goals and objectives on the web portal: www.bayareairwmp.net

Participating Agencies

Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District • Alameda County Water District Association of Bay Area Governments • Bay Area Clean Water Agencies Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency • City of Napa • City of Palo Alto • City of San Jose • Contra Costa Water District • Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District • East Bay Municipal Utility District • Marin Municipal Water District • North Bay Watershed Association • San Francisco Estuary Project • San Francisco Public Utilities Commission • Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative • Santa Clara Valley Water District • Solano County Water Agency • Sonoma County Water Agency • State Coastal Conservancy • Zone 7 Water Agency