

Imperial Water Forum Meeting

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IMPERIAL INTEGRATED REGIONAL
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Meeting Agenda

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- Introductions
- Imperial IRWMP deliverable
- Water Forum Charter: discussion/action
- The problem, message and where we are heading
- Forum mission, goals and objectives
- Next Steps

Imperial IRWMP Deliverable

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The Final Deliverable - Imperial IRWMP

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- Imperial IRWMP is the Forum's work product
- Document Forum's conclusions, findings and final project and policy recommendations to the decision makers
- Decision makers are those entities that can adopt the final Imperial IRWMP, commit money and resources, sign contracts, apply authorities and set policy

How to make this your document?

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- Forum defines the scope and extent of the problem to be addressed
- Establish regional goals and objectives
- Evaluate and decide on the water management strategies
- Define and prioritize projects and policy
- What is lacking in the Draft IID Plan?
Your fingerprints : objectives & projects..... and a few elements required by DWR....



A short story.....

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- Supply has its limits
- Limits create conflict
- "Got Water?" Need to prove it...
- Need to create "new" water
- Fiscal constraints
- Other Peoples Money (OPM)

Creating "New" Water

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- Projects
 - Groundwater banking
 - Groundwater blending
 - Desalination of brackish groundwater
 - Desalination of drain water
 - Reclaimed wastewater
 - Importation
- Apportionment of existing supplies
- Conservation

Basis for the short story....

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Story	Data and Information in Draft Plan
Supply has its limit	App C- Supply, D- Demand, E- Water Budget Summarized in Ch 5
Limits create conflict	Ch 1; Imperial Valley Press
"Got Water?"	App J- Land Use & Water Supply; Ch 9
Need to create "new" water	App A- Water Management Strategies, App B- GW, App G- Drain water, Alamo/New Rivers; App F- GW Banking Ch 7, Ch 8
Fiscal constraints	Ch 8, Screening Criteria
Funding (OPM)	Ch 10

Charter Overview

- Organize and manage
- Operate
- Make decisions
- Support to develop
- Endorse and adopt
- Values and principles

Guidelines- Governance

- **Defined** - "the processes, structures and organizational traditions that determine how power is exercised, how stakeholders have their say, how decisions are taken and how decision-makers are held to account"
- **Intent**- "ensure that an IRWM Plan has structures and procedures that maximize functionality, participation in the plan, and plan longevity"
- **DWR does not advocate any one governance structure**- Regions determine what structure is best for the region
 - *Regional Water Management Group*

Organization & Manage

- Purpose
- Membership
- Roles & responsibilities
- Facilitation and technical support

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    RWMG[RWMG] --- PMT[PMT]
    RWMG --- ProjectAdmin[Project Admin]
    RWMG --- Forum[Forum]
    Forum --- WG1[Work Group]
    Forum --- WG2[Work Group]
    
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Operate

- Meetings and schedule
- Attendance
- Ground rules
- Communications

Develop, Endorse and Adopt

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- Review and comment on existing materials
- Project Management Team
 - *Technical Analysis: Technical Memos, briefings*
 - *Reconcile written and verbal comments from Forum to produce IRWMP*
- Production: Admin Draft, Draft, Final
- Adoption
 - *Endorsement by RWMG, Stakeholder Groups*
 - *Adoption by Cities, County and IID*

Discussion/Action on Water Forum Charter

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- Questions and comments
- Options
 - *Acceptance*
 - *Establish Work Group to further develop*
 - *Adopt and decide at next meeting*
 - *Other?*

Collaboration and Consensus

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- Water Forum members shall seek consensus through a collaborative process
- Water Forum members will work in good faith with all represented interests
 - *Good faith*
 - Regular attendance and participation in Water Forum meeting
 - Work toward building common ground
 - Follow ground rules

Collaboration and Consensus(cont.)

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- *Consensus = general agreement on a proposal among all the Forum members*
- General agreement includes the following range of positions:
 - *Strong endorsement of proposal*
 - *Proposal is workable*
 - *Can live with the proposal*
 - *Stand aside*

WATER FORUM

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- Purpose - to provide input during the development of the IRWMP
- Membership – Stakeholder groups
 - *Public agencies*
 - *Organized stakeholder groups*
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - *Represent groups interest*
 - *Commit to fully participate in Forum and work groups as needed*
 - *Seek consensus on proposals and recommendation*

REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP (RWMG)

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- Purpose – to make decisions when the Forum cannot attain consensus
- Membership – elected representatives of land use and water management agencies
 - *IID Board members*
 - *Imperial County Supervisors*
 - *City Council members*
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - *Resolve conflict, negotiate, decide*
 - *Engage elected leaders*

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

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- Purpose – to provide effective and efficient coordination of the IRWMP process and logistical support to the Water Forum,
- Membership – senior staff
 - *IID*
 - *Imperial County*
 - *Cities*
 - *Project manager*
 - *Facilitator*
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - *Coordinate activities of the Water Forum and RWMG*

WORK GROUPS

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- Purpose – to coordinate technical resources, agency staff and stakeholders to address specific issues and provide recommendations to the Water Forum
- Membership
 - *Stakeholders within an acceptable range of perspectives on the specific issue*
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - *Evaluate specific issues*
 - *Participate in review of technical analysis, help finalize sections of the IRWMP*
 - *Develop alternative solutions*
 - *Make findings and recommendations to full Forum*

Proposed Forum Work Groups

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- Municipal, Commercial and Industrial Water (MCI) Conservation and Demand Management
- Project Definition
- Policy Development
- Ad Hoc/Others?

Issues, Purpose and Need

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- Flip chart notes
- Areas for defining issues, setting goals
 - *Water supply*
 - *Water quality*
 - *Storm water & flood*
 - *Environmental*




Discussion of Mission, Goals, Objectives

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Next Steps




- Decision: Final review and adoption of Forum Charter
- Review and Decide
 - *Issues, purpose, need*
 - *Mission, goals, objectives*
- Inform/Discuss: work group review before meeting?
 - *Water supply baseline conditions*
 - *Demand forecast*
 - *Introduce DWR Water Management Strategies and integration approaches*

Adjourn

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Backups

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Proposed Tasks for Project Definition Work Group

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- Prioritize and integrate the resource management strategies
- Develop regional project concepts
- Coordinate process for definition of local stakeholder-sponsored projects
- Generate screening and ranking criteria recommendations for consideration by the RWMG/Water Forum
- Apply screening and ranking criteria once accepted by the Water Forum/RWMG

Proposed Tasks for MCI Conservation and Demand Management Work Group

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- Review supply and future demand forecast and water budget
- Evaluate regional urban water management plan requirements- develop approach
- Review and identify MCI demand management and conservation programs alternatives
- Develop strategy to streamline permitting process