

Summary of IRWM Plan and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Missions and Objectives

RWQCB	IRWM Plan
<p>Mission: Preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources and to ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.</p>	<p>Mission: To develop and implement an integrated strategy to guide the San Diego Region toward protecting, managing, and developing reliable and sustainable water resources. Through a stakeholder-driven process and adaptive process, the Region can develop solutions to water-related issues and conflicts that are economically and environmentally preferable, and that provide equitable resource protection for the entire Region.</p>
<p>Priority Themes¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support recovery of wetlands and riparian areas • Ensure the health of ground and surface waters • Support sustainable local water supplies • Effective monitoring and assessment • Effective public communication and stakeholder input 	<p>2007 IRWM Plan Objectives²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize stakeholder/community involvement and stewardship • Effectively obtain, manage, and assess water resource data and information • Further the scientific and technical foundation of water management • Develop and maintain a diverse mix of water resources • Construct, operate, and maintain a reliable infrastructure system • Reduce the negative effects on waterways and watershed health caused by hydromodification and flooding • Effectively reduce sources of pollutants and environmental stressors • Protect, restore and maintain habitat and open space • Optimize water-based recreational opportunities

1 Priority themes identified by RWQCB staff as being presented within the current draft RWQCB "Practical Vision", which sets forth the RWQCB's proposed strategic plan for the next five years.

2 Objectives identified in 2007 San Diego Region IRWM Plan.

Desired Outcomes of IRWM/RWQCB Collaboration

Desired Outcome No. 1:

Support Science-Based Basin Plan Objectives

Support the RWQCB triennial review process and RWQCB programs and efforts to update scientific assessments of relations between Basin Plan objectives and beneficial use protection.

Desired Outcome No. 2:

Support Science-Based Impaired Water Listings and Compliance

Support the RWQCB impaired water listing process, and RWQCB programs and efforts to update impaired water listings that are based on (1) science and robust data and (2) achieving water quality compliance and protect beneficial uses.

Desired Outcome No. 3:

Support Prioritization of Habitat Restoration Needs and Opportunities

Support the RWQCB in implementing a process for prioritizing wetlands and riparian habitat restoration needs and opportunities, and coordinate with resource agencies to address regional restoration needs and issues.

**Summary of Recommended IRWM/RWQCB Collaboration
Early Action Items and IRWM Plan Update Actions**

Recommended Overarching Action Items to Facilitate Desired Outcome Nos. 1, 2, and 3:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign an IRWM liaison to the RWQCB • Provide the RWQCB with periodic IRWM progress reports for inclusion in Executive Officer reports to the RWQCB • Monitor development of the RWQCB Practical Vision • Coordinate with RWQCB to ensure consistency between IRWM Plan and RWQCB Practical Vision
Recommended Early Action Items to Facilitate Desired Outcome No. 1:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene caucus of IRWM stakeholders to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review existing RWQCB Basin Plan triennial review priorities, allocated RWQCB resources, and schedules • identify additional Basin Plan review priorities of interest to IRWM stakeholders • determine IRWM stakeholder interest in supporting and coordinating with the RWQCB to address additional Basin Plan review priorities • Convene workshop between RWQCB and IRWM stakeholders to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basin Plan modification priorities identified by IRWM stakeholders • research, data collection, data management, data assessment, and resource needs required to support science-based evaluation of the additional Basin Plan priorities
Recommended Early Action Items to Facilitate Desired Outcome No. 2:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene caucus of IRWM stakeholders to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the existing RWQCB 303(d) listings • identify 303(d) listings that may warrant reevaluation or reclassification • determine IRWM stakeholder interest in supporting RWQCB reassessment or reclassification of the identified 303(d) listings of concern • Convene workshop with RWQCB and IRWM stakeholders to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 303(d) receiving waters that may warrant reevaluation or reclassification • potential IRWM projects or actions that could improve water quality and attain water quality objectives • potential alternative means to traditional TMDLs to achieve water quality objectives • research, data collection, data management, data assessment, and resources required for science-based reevaluation or reclassification of the identified 303(d) listings of concern
Recommended Early Action Items to Facilitate Desired Outcome No. 3:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene workshop with RWQCB to discuss potential means to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify, coordinate, and prioritize restoration needs and opportunities • develop an action plan for creating and maintaining a habitat restoration needs and opportunities priority list • coordinate IRWM Program support with the RWQCB SEP process and other compensatory mitigation programs • Convene meeting with resource agencies to discuss needs and opportunities for improving coordination of ecosystem restoration, channel maintenance and invasive species removal
Recommended IRWM Plan Update Actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge priority themes from the RWQCB Practical Vision in the updated IRWM Plan • Update IRWM Plan and modify project funding screening and scoring criteria to encourage projects that target Desired Outcome Nos. 1, 2, or 3