2024 Summit Results

Focus Area: Collaboration, Information Sharing, and Advocacy
Goal: Strengthen and expand partnerships with state and federal agencies and facilitate RAC members and IRWM Program stakeholders with meaningful engagement with water

Goal: Facilitate information sharing in the region that can lead to opportunities to address common challenges, share lessons learned, and advocate for common goals that impact water management in the region.

#	Action	Votes
1	Involve legislation/governmental affairs for shaping and implementing advocacy strategy	20
2	Remove IRWM participation barriers	18
3	Invest in good facilitation that supports a safe space	13
4	Evolution of MOUs to prioritize funding for advocacy and collaboration, as needed, or use RAC meetings, and/or bond issues watershed-based	11
5	Set IRWM RAC agenda items, specific time, for open project proposals & collaboration, looking for partners, efficiency, etc.	10
6	Annual watershed level/and multijurisdictional / NGO / stakeholder meetings facilitated by IRWM.	7

Focus Area: Funding

Goal: Identify and secure potential funding sources that support the goals of IRWM and enhance IRWM's capacity to improve water resources planning in the region. Position the region for success in funding endeavors.

#	Action	Votes
1	Advocate at state/federal level for political acceptance to support recognition of water projects	22
2	Build public/private partnerships for value engagements	21
3	Use existing resources to build strong and competitive projects that meet new/current state, federal, and local priorities	13

* Funding had only 1 breakout group, so fewer actions were identified and available for "funding."

Focus Area: Underrepresented Communities Support

Goal: Increase and facilitate partnerships with URCs to provide resources and information that can support the needs of URCs in the region. Support can include information sharing, training resources, capacity building, and positioning for successful funding applications.

#	Action	Votes
1	Increase technical assistance for URCs throughout the entire grant application process	23
2	Tribal-focused outreach and collaboration opportunities, trainings, workshops, and cross-collaboration efforts	22
3	Develop training materials for environmental compliance and grant applications.	16
4	Check in periodically with URCs.	8
5	Multi-language outreach and support.	8
6	Identify and survey existing members to identify needs that are relevant to their community	8