

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT PRIORITIES FOR 2009**

PRIORITIES	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT ACTION
<b>MASTER WATER PLAN (MWP)</b>		
Develop Public Participation Plan for the MWP	Identifying stakeholders, regional workshops planned	Encourage full participation by WRAC member agencies and other stakeholders in MWP development
Improve accuracy of all water demands, especially rural and environmental	MWP Scope of Work includes water demand analysis	Develop approach for reviewing analysis
Add golf course water usage to total needs	MWP Scope of Work includes water demand analysis	Review demand analysis at appropriate milestone in MWP development
Evaluate costs/benefits future water supply options, including off-stream storage and recharge areas	MWP Scope of Work includes water supply analysis	Review supply analysis at appropriate milestone in MWP development
Evaluate the costs and benefits associated with use of excess State Water entitlements	Optimization of Coastal Branch included in MWP Scope of Work; County, State Water Subcontractors and CCWA staff cooperating on capacity and financial analysis	Review at appropriate milestone during MWP development
Assess Drought and Emergency Preparedness in the County	Optimization of existing infrastructure included in MWP Scope of Work	Review MWP Goals and Objectives and evaluate how this item will be covered in the MWP versus the IRWMP
Identify effective water conservation methods	Establishing a website link for references; Conservation included in MWP Scope of Work	Invite Partners in Water Conservation to report to the WRAC on effectiveness of methods; Include feedback in MWP analysis
<b>INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)</b>		
Develop Stakeholder and Public Participation Plan for the IRWM	Memorandum of Understanding available for agencies to sign and become a Regional Water Management Group member; Region Acceptance Process (RAP) materials submitted	Encourage full participation by WRAC member agencies and other stakeholders in IRWM; Review region acceptance process results; Review Prop 84 IRWMP guidelines
Identify projects with water resources impacts and review for consistency with water resources policies	Subcommittees formed for various development projects	Provide feedback to the Board on consistency with water resource policy
Review wastewater issues as they relate to water resources policy	New onsite system regulations and ordinance have been developed; Subcommittee formed for Los Osos Wastewater Project	Provide feedback to the Board on consistency with water resource policy
Survey water management organizations to determine most appropriate form for SLO County (AB 3030 or ?)	Presented alternative management structures in 99/00	Review in light of recent litigation and overdraft situations
Assess Drought and Emergency Preparedness in the County	Updating IRWMP upon release of Prop 84 guidelines	Evaluate how this item will be covered in the MWP versus the IRWMP
Implement BMP's for Co operated Systems	Follow Urban Water Mgt Program prepared for Lopez in 2005.	Implement for County systems (Lopez, Cayucos, Santa Margarita, and Shandon)
Groundwater exchange guidelines	Presented to WRAC in 2000	Consider addressing in the IRWMP
Develop strategies to use GW basins for storage	Presented to WRAC in 2000	Need to address or follow up in the IRWMP
Monitor Invasive Mussel Situation	Vessel inspection and monitoring programs at County Reservoirs; Response Plan under development for County Lakes and Nacimiento Pipeline	Review Response Plan
Develop watershed management policies by WPA	Updating IRWMP upon release of Prop 84 guidelines	Consider addressing in the IRWMP

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<b>RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)</b>		
Recommend improvements to RMS system/report format	Board has directed Planning Staff to develop recommended improvements over the next 12-18 months	Develop approach for reviewing recommendations
Paso Robles GW Basin Resource Capacity Study (RCS)	Partially complete in early 2008; GW levels and Pumping have been updated	Complete the RCS and present to WRAC prior to Board hearing
Santa Margarita Area RCS	To be developed by Planning Dept. '09-'10	Develop approach for reviewing analysis
Nipomo RCS Level of Severity (LOS) Certification and Actions	Basin litigation updates provided to WRAC; Conservation ordinances enacted	Continue monitoring litigation activities; Cooperatively monitor for seawater intrusion
Los Osos RCS LOS Certification and Actions	LOS III Certified; Conservation ordinances enacted	Monitor implementation of actions
Evaluate current pump testing requirements	Ability to determine long-term sustainability of water supply with current pump-testing requirements questionable	Approach applicable County Departments with concern
<b>CONSERVATION</b>		
Update the Conservation Element	Draft Report and EIR available for review	Assist Planning Department with Update; Define WRAC's role in developing policies and actions for implementation
Educate users BMP's for golf course, municipal, industrial and agricultural water	RCD's are performing audits with the mobile lab. Several agencies have conservation coordinators.	Participate in promotion of regional water conservation outreach
Assess Drought and Emergency Preparedness in the County	Developing MWP Scope of Work	Evaluate how this item will be covered in the MWP versus the IRWMP and Conservation Element
Identify effective water conservation methods	Establishing a website link for references; Conservation included in MWP Scope of Work	Invite Partners in Water Conservation to report to the WRAC on effectiveness of methods; Include feedback in MWP analysis
Define Best Management Practices (BMP's) for water conservation and for golf course, municipal, industrial, and agricultural water use	Defined at State level, need to screen for local applicability	Invite Partners in Water Conservation/Ag reps to report to the WRAC on effectiveness of methods; Include feedback in MWP analysis
<b>ONGOING DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>		
Implement improvements identified in the Data Enhancement Plan	Data Enhancement Plan complete	Present results; Develop implementation and funding strategy
<b>DATA ENHANCEMENT PLAN (DEP)</b>		
Increase the County's use of CIMIS network	Data Enhancement Plan complete	Present results; Develop implementation and funding strategy
Review well monitoring locations	Data Enhancement Plan complete	Present results; Develop implementation and funding strategy
Review stream monitoring locations	Data Enhancement Plan complete	Present results; Develop implementation and funding strategy
Review precip'n monitoring locations	Data Enhancement Plan complete	Present results; Develop implementation and funding strategy
Promote use of Mobile lab	Funded through fiscal year 09/10	Review County facility potential and promote use by others
Insure hydrologic data program is consistent in format, collection, documentation and maintenance	Equipment was updated to collect in digital format; Evaluating data management system	Implement recommended improvements for data management system
Develop program to monitor urban, rural, and agricultural water usages.	Purveyor water data is already collected, Resources available for estimations; Evaluating data management system	Identify program improvements during MWP development and as RMS review
Develop unimpaired runoff data from streams and environmental demands	Data Enhancement Plan complete; Environmental demands included in MWP scope of work	Identify program improvements during MWP development and as RMS review
Develop voluntary reporting and tabulation of actual water use to update Phase 1 data	Organizing database with water use information; Evaluating data management system	Identify program improvements during MWP development and as RMS review
Develop applied water tracking program	Evaluating data management system; Plan for ongoing updates of the MWP included in scope of work	Identify program improvements during MWP development and as RMS review

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<b>STATE WATER</b>		
Evaluate the costs and benefits associated with use of excess State Water allocation	Optimization of Coastal Branch included in MWP Scope of Work; County, State Water Subcontractors and CCWA staff cooperating on capacity and financial analysis	Review at appropriate milestone during MWP development
Existing Subcontractors and New Participants	Existing subcontractor positions established; documenting new participant requests	Evaluate State Water options in MWP, IRWM
Groundwater Banking Plan (GWBP)	Draft Final Report presented to WRAC	Monitor incorporation of findings into Paso Basin RCS, GW Mngmt Plan and MWP
CCWA Membership	Pros and cons analysis; subcommittee meetings	Develop pro/con analysis after completion of MWP, GWBP, IRWMP update
<b>INFORMATION SYSTEMS</b>		
Digitize hydrologic database & make accessible by public	Data backlog is digitized; website is set up	Continue developing data reports to post to website
Recommend a policy on making well logs available to public	New consent form approved by Co. Counsel; Updating contact info and confidentiality status	Most well owners will provide to consultants for governmental agency reports