

Future of San Diego IRWM Program
Feedback Board Results – San Diego IRWM Summit
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Regional Advisory Committee		Future of SDIRWM		IRWM Evolution		IRWM Program Support for Stakeholders	
1. Time to network with other water stakeholders across the region during RAC meetings	0	1. Workshops to help identify project partners for future collaboration (non-profit organizations and water agencies) <i>• Includes outside RAC (e.g., Calfire and CDFW)</i>	11	1. Engage organizations not traditionally seen as water resource stakeholders through special presentations	30	1. Connect URCS with resources that offer assistance, such as State Water Resources Control Board Technical Assistance Funding Program	2
2. Expand the RAC to include non-voting seats for other groups with a nexus to water (e.g., Groundwater Sustainability Agencies [GSAs], Association of California Water Agencies [ACWA], etc.)	7	2. Support and engage with development of a Regional Portfolio with actions/priorities, as directed in the Water Resilience Portfolio <i>Keep OPTI and database up to date</i>	26	2. Provide funding administration support, if grant funding is available to pay for it	21	2. Encourage fiscal partnerships for URCS and non-profit organizations with larger project sponsors	8
3. Forum for discussing regulatory issues and updates, including opportunities for advocacy at the local level	34	3. Serve as a resource to connect people together; add to IRWM website links to resources, organizations, etc. that can help you with specific questions or tasks. <i>• Suggestions for resources: [None added]</i>	3	3. Expand focus on climate change resilience, including resource sharing (where to find data, contacts, etc.) and special presentations	30	3. Encourage the State to allow planning and design for URCS Projects in any round, and additional funding assistance	23
4. More presentations or panels to enhance understanding and knowledge sharing about water resources and initiatives <i>• Suggested topics:</i> <i>○ Resiliency as it relates to other topics (non-water)</i> <i>○ Energy-water nexus for rural communities</i> <i>○ Climate change</i> <i>○ Bond funding and looking at other opportunities</i> <i>○ Small system assistance and rural agencies</i> <i>○ Black outs at rural areas</i> <i>○ Resiliency as it relates to non-water topics</i> <i>○ Other grant programs present like SANDAG - land agencies could benefit</i> <i>○ Spreading IRWM program news to other environmental groups</i>	18	4. Host workshops, panels, or forums with regulators to discuss such as topics as proposed regulatory changes, common compliance issues, opportunities for alternative compliance, and upcoming legislation. <i>Regulatory compliance is an issue – individual compliance for project, but inconsistent regulations across region</i>	30	4. Look into providing educational credits for meetings (professional development hours) to engage operators, staff, or stakeholders interested in water resources but with limited time	5	4. Encourage the State to accept flexible Work Plans in grant applications for URCS and non-profit organization projects (e.g., ranges for benefits or number of project elements implemented, programmatic descriptions, etc.) <i>Closest thing we have in Prop 1 is the DACI Round</i>	25
5. Combine 1-2 RAC meetings per year with other activities such as site visits (i.e. to watersheds or water industry facilities), professional organizations/events, IRWM projects, or networking opportunities <i>Site visits to DACs having water issues</i>	32	5. Analyze and consider funding sources other than IRWM water bonds.	29	5. Add more meeting topics outside of planning and funding, including regional priorities such as regulatory collaboration and statewide initiatives	24	5. Encourage the State to simplify grant administration requirements or provide special consideration for URCS and non-profit organizations	13
6. More interactive activities that involve collaborating in smaller groups during the RAC meeting, such as talking about projects, emerging water concerns, input on how SDIRWM should respond to state actions	21	6. Present detailed program information and potential application/project strategies for non-IRWM grants at RAC meetings	7	6. Promote participation in community events and non-profit organization initiatives (e.g. Coastal Cleanup Day, RiverWalk surveys, etc.) <i>Host and SDIRWM booth at community events</i>	5	6. Invite Local Project Sponsors to present projects to a group of experts for feedback prior to application, including someone who can provide feedback/advice on regulatory process	9
7. Alternate meeting locations throughout the region (not just at Water Authority) <i>• Alternate locations: OMWD, UCSD</i>	5	<i>Climate change resiliency planning (Round 1)</i> <i>• Planning should align with climate change practicalities – what are we planning for?</i>	10	7. Encourage attendance at regional meetings to represent IRWM and conduct SDIRWM outreach	3	<i>Cash flow is challenge – set aside funding for smaller projects or reimburse faster! Release reimbursement per project (not package) (Round 1)</i>	28

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8. Invite other IRWM Program Managers to present on their regions/initiatives (San Diego Funding Area or nearby Funding Area)	11	<i>On-going capacity building – project development (project management) (Round 1)</i>	11	8. Host a Funding Area Conference to increase collaboration with our neighbors <i>Increase collaboration with neighbors (and FA Conference as one mechanism) (Round 1)</i>	7	<i>Create group (volunteers?) to work with URCs before grant cycles – to develop their projects (Round 1)</i>	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>100% advanced funding for DACs in all future water bonds (Round 3)</i>	2
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