Coordinating Across the Region

Upper Feather River RWMG
Regional Water Management Group meeting
Friday, 6/24/2016
Liz Mansfield
Climate change is having a significant impact on the Sierra Region

Drought and fire are already hot issues

Funding for DAC and Tribal outreach and involvement is limited

Lack of coordination and integration of water management activities

State Water Policy makers continue to under value the upper watersheds
Mission: to assist regional efforts to protect and enhance water quality, water supply, and watershed health; to develop cooperative regional responses; and to facilitate reinvestment in our watersheds and water resources by all beneficiaries.

- Coordination
- Information source & exchange
- Raising our voice
- Advocacy
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<td>• Formalized membership with a charter</td>
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Thirteen IRWMs

**IRWMs in Bold have signed MOU**

Upper Pitt River Watershed (39)
Lahontan Basins (49)
Upper Feather River Watershed (37)
Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY) (6)
Yuba County (46)
**Tahoe-Sierra (34)**
Mokelumne/Amador/Calaveras (MAC) (19)
Inyo-Mono (13)
Tuolumne-Stanislaus (36)
Yosemite-Mariposa (4)
Madera (16)
Southern Sierra (33)

Upper Sacramento IRWM
Stakeholders

Regional Organizations
Sierra Nevada Alliance
Sierra Business Council
American Rivers
Mountain Counties Water Resource Association
Association of California Water Agencies
California Tahoe Conservancy
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Department of Water Resources
Department of Fish & Game
Regional Council of Rural Counties
USDA Forest Service
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Multiple RCDs
County Governments

Who are we missing?
Why officially join SWWG?

• Strengthen your regions role in cooperative regional responses
  - support letters or comments to the Ca. Legislature, State/Federal agencies

• Raises the profile of the Sierra by officially collaborating with other IRWMs

• Ensures active participation and information exchange by officially committing to coordination in the SWWG

• Access to the Data Management Tool for your region
Memorandum of Understanding

Officially join the SWWG and elevate IRWM in the Sierra

• Agreed upon principles

• All 12 IRWM Regions Assign Representative and Alternate

• Attend 3 meetings a year (by phone or in person)

• Consensus-based decision making

• Regional Stakeholders are non-voting members – regional organizations, state and federal agencies, tribal interests

Discussion
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