

Quarter/Dates of Activity: Q2 October 2007 through December 2007  
Seed Grant: San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plans Integration and University Farm Recycled Water Usage  
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### **Description of this Quarter's Activity and Impact on Partnership Goals and Objectives**

1. Water plan development for the two hydrologic basins in the San Joaquin Valley (Tulare Hydro Region – Kern, Kings, Tulare and Fresno Counties: San Joaquin River Hydro Region– Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties) continues well. A diversified 10-person water policy advisory and technical committee from within the 8-county area is being developed to work with local, state and federal interests to prepare the programmatic IRWMP in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters of 2008.  
The advisory committee will be empanelled 1Q08 and begin work immediately thereafter. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the IRWMP will be distributed for comment in September 2008. The final programmatic IRWMP will be distributed prior to December 31, 2008. For more detail on the water plan please contact Kathy Wood, Executive Director SJV IRWMP (see above for contact information)
2. Work continues to move forward with the development of the recycled water component of the extensive Campus Pointe project at California State University, Fresno. The modular recycled water treatment facility will tertiary treat wastewater to an environmentally acceptable level enabling irrigation use on the 1,200 acre University Farm. This highly evolved project may serve as a template for other communities with the San Joaquin Valley that requires greater water conservation and water use efficiency.  
David Zoldoske and Sarge Green, CWI staff, are providing technical leadership to the Campus Pointe Project.  
CWI progress on both the integrated water plan and the recycled water project are consistent with the goals of the 2006 Strategic Action Plan and the Partnership Major Initiative “**Implement an Integrated Framework for Sustainable Growth.**”

### **Planned Activities for the next 3-6 months**

“Job 1” for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters of 2008 is for the newly empanelled water policy and advisory committee is to work with local, state and federal interests to craft a programmatic IRWMP that meets the needs of ALL 8 counties not just one or two. This integration has not been accomplished before and will require a proactive engagement by all participants if it is to proceed to a successful conclusion by year-end.

Construction on Campus Pointe is scheduled for mid-2008 with completion in late 2009. The recycled water component of the project will be incorporated as a Best Practices demonstration center for the San Joaquin Valley.

### **Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback**

1. Water managers, local state and federal agencies continue to be fully engaged in their standard service delivery efforts under challenging circumstances and with dramatic budget uncertainty. IRWMP Water Policy Committee members are to be commended for stepping forward and offering their expertise to develop a unified Valley Water Plan. CWI staff is hopeful that all parties will productively engage in the effort for the benefit of the entire San Joaquin Valley. Fortunately the winter rains of 2007-08 have temporarily relived some of the water managers of 2008 drought concerns. Unfortunately, the structural issues still need to be fully addressed by all and not put back on the shelf until the next drought is evident.

### **If you have coordinated any outreach, please describe briefly**

- Coordination is regularly effected with the Councils of Government (COG) throughout the San Joaquin Valley in the area of Blueprint development and for water use planning. The California Partnership has served as an excellent vehicle to facilitate bridge-building between the water and planning communities. Kudos!
- Coordination is also regularly effected Disadvantaged Communities in the area of water planning and water quality, supply and reliability arenas. Again the Partnership may be an excellent pathway for addressing and improving DV circumstances measurably.
- The California Water Institute continues to be well received throughout the San Joaquin Valley as the Partnership efforts become more widely known.