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Lead Organization: California Water Institute, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 1st QUARTER (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Goal 1: Develop and implement an integrated San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan.	C		Completed 4Q09
Objective A: Develop San Joaquin Valley Regional Water Plan (management, technical and administrative support for plan development).		IP	Groundwork being laid for Phase II. Awaiting approved funding from US Bureau of Reclamation
Quarterly meetings for Regional Water Plan Leadership and respective work groups.			
Converge plan development efforts with other local, state and federal allied agencies. DWR, SWRCB, Corps, Bureau and others.			
Goal 2: Incorporate major levee enhancements in San Joaquin Valley river and tributary system and the Sacramento –San Joaquin Delta to safeguard regional water quality and quantity and provide for flood control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	Moving forward as a component of Five Delta Counties - Partnership Water Policy Dialogue convened at Fritz Grupe's on April 1, 2010.
Objective A: Significantly improve San Joaquin, Merced, Kings, Kaweah, Tule and Kern Rivers' and tributaries' and other Valley drainage systems' levee integrity to assist communities in meeting 100 year plus flood protection standards and FEMA levee certification standards.		IP	The Regional Work Group for the Upper San Joaquin has assisted in the completion of the Regional Conditions Report regarding flooding, levee conditions and potential management solutions and issues needing further discussion in the next phase of the Flood Plan.
Quarterly liaison meetings with major San Joaquin Valley flood protection agencies, DWR & Corps.		NA	See Goal 2 comments
Objective B: Significantly improve Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee system integrity.			
Quarterly liaison meetings with Delta interests to insure progress on improving levee system integrity.		NA	See Goal 2 comments

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Goal 3: Augment surface, groundwater banking and recycled water projects in the San Joaquin Valley.	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	Proceeding forward as a component of Water Plan Phase II.
Objective A: Complete the Upper San Joaquin Basin Project.	NA	NOT a part of Phase II scope but will be supported by CWI to the maximum extent possible.
Quarterly liaison meetings with DWR, Bureau, DFG & project proponents on progress of San Joaquin Basin project.		See Goal 3 comments above
Objective B: Actively support and promote six conjunctive-use projects that can be commissioned or enhanced by 2017.	NA	
Bi-annual liaison meetings with conjunctive use project proponents and agencies on progress.		
Objective C: Develop recycled and inland brackish water projects.	NA	NOT a part of Phase II scope but will be supported by CWI to the maximum extent possible.
Bi-annual liaison meetings with project proponents and DWR on progress.		
Goal 4: Improve water quality and expand salinity management infrastructure development.	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	Proposal to EPA Region 9 RFP for San Joaquin River Water Quality Monitoring program. Partnership provided letter of support. Water Policy Working Group will support if funded.
Objective A: Develop a Salinity Management Plan to be implemented as an update to the San Joaquin and Tulare Lake Basin Plans.	IP	Work group staff has followed CV Salts. A pilot project report on the salt conditions of groundwater in the Modesto and Tule River areas has been developed. Further review will be conducted to analyze the potential impact on the Valley Water Plan.
CWI will work proactively with agencies, Water Boards, and public to lay groundwork for development of a Salinity Management Commission.		

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Objective B: Ensure all communities in San Joaquin Valley have adequate sanitary sewage disposal facilities; proactively site, permit, finance, construct and commission five (5) regional wastewater treatment plants.		IP	The California Water Institute is framing a larger effort this quarter and exploring it with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C., in the next quarter. Strategy development in Tulare County has been stalled due the lack of Bond funds.
Quarterly liaison meetings with wastewater treatment agencies and project proponents to ensure progress.			
Objective C: Ensure all communities in San Joaquin Valley provide water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.			See above.
Goal 5: Promote riparian environmental restoration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	NOT a part of Phase II scope but will be supported by CWI to the maximum extent possible.
Objective A: Develop San Joaquin valley ecosystem restoration plan. (Coordinate with Economic Development Work Group to advance tourism component of strategic Action Plan)			
CWI will serve in a liaison role to work with local interests in the development of sustainable riparian corridor restoration plans throughout the San Joaquin Valley.			
Objective B.1: Restoration; San Joaquin River restoration.		IP	Restoration flows commenced; CWI supervised the development of the seepage monitoring program.
Objective B.2: Water Management: San Joaquin River restoration.			CWI developed a Web-based communications platform to get information from the Restoration Program to landowners more succinctly.

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CWI will serve in a liaison and support role between the Partnership Water Work Group, the Board and restoration groups as the terms of the Settlement are worked out and implemented by NRDC and Friant Water Users Authority		
Goal 6: Expand agricultural and urban water-use and energy efficiency programs.	<input type="checkbox"/> IP	Center for Irrigation Technology continues to administer Agricultural Pump Efficiency Program for PG&E. Also conducts numerous on-campus/field trainings.
Objective A: Cost-effective, results-oriented, agricultural water use and energy efficiency diagnostic, repair, retrofit and education programs.		
CWI will work with its sister entity, International Center for Water Technology at California State University Fresno, state agencies utilities and local energy partnerships to proactively forge the water-energy connection in agriculture, and with water agencies, in the implementation of California public policy.	IP	CWI will work with its sister entity, International Center for Water Technology at California State University, Fresno, state agencies utilities and local energy partnerships to proactively forge the water-energy connection in agriculture, and with water agencies, in the implementation of California public policy.
Objective B: Cost-effective, results-oriented, urban water use and energy efficiency diagnostic, repair, retrofit and education programs.		
CWI will work with ICWT and allied water-energy conservation specifically the California Urban Water Conservation Council CUWCC, to proactively forge the water-energy connection in urban water use and energy efficiency programs to steward these two valuable resources throughout the San Joaquin Valley.	IP	In progress
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter		Same challenges as reported before.
New funds leveraged during the quarter.		1. Bureau funds expected momentarily for Phase II 2. Funds received for San Joaquin River restoration 3. PG&E funded program through 2011