

Summit Agenda



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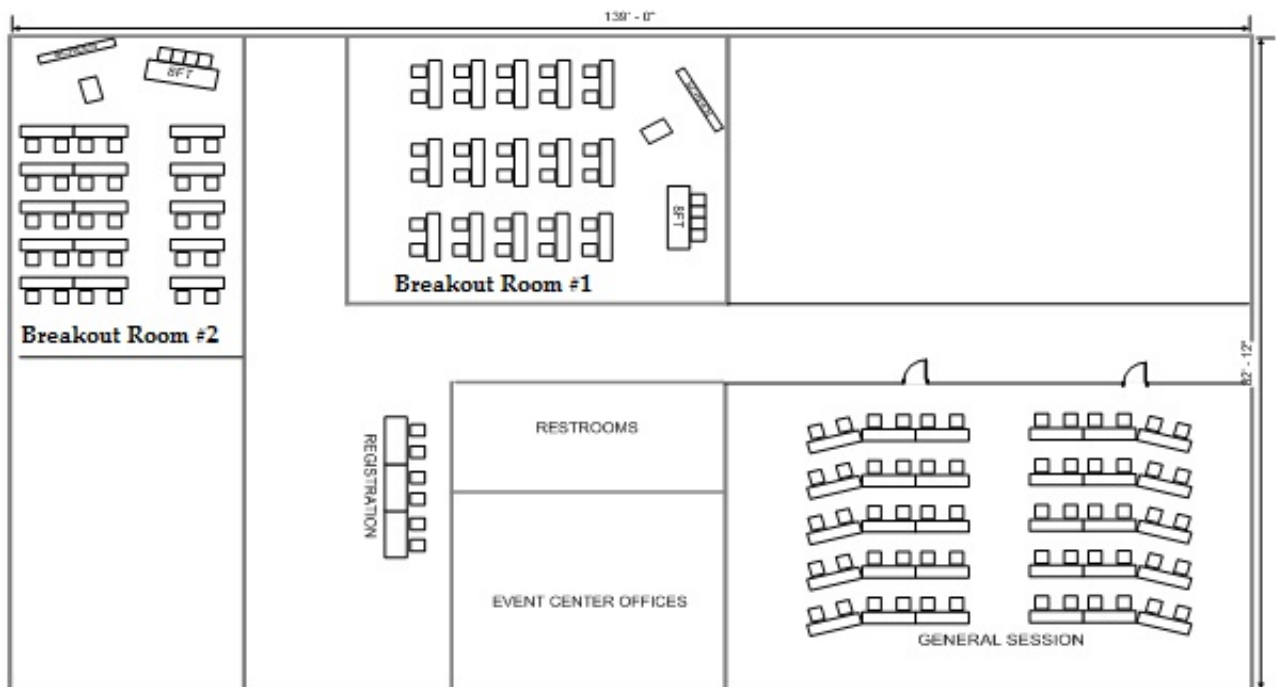
Tuesday, July 17, 2012

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration and Coffee/Tea	
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Welcome (General Session Room)	
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Opening Plenary – <i>Regional Water Management in California</i> (General Session Room)	
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Breakout 1 (Room 1) <i>Spatial Analyses and Map Communication Strategies in Water Planning</i>	Breakout 2 (Room 2) <i>Tips and Pitfalls for IRWM Project Funding</i>
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch Provided (Lakeview Terrace)	
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Breakout 3 (Room 1) <i>Water Rights</i>	Breakout 4 (Room 2) <i>Climate Change in Water Planning</i>
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Plenary – <i>Engaging Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Perspectives for IRWM in the Sierra</i> (General Session Room)	
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Day 1 Closing Remarks (General Session Room)	
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

9:00 am – 9:45 am	Continental Breakfast (pastries, fruit, coffee/tea, juice)	
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Opening Remarks - <i>Ideal Summit Outcomes</i> (General Session Room)	
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Plenary – <i>Sierra IRWM Success Stories</i> (General Session Room)	
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	 Breakout 5 (Room 1) <i>Water-Land Nexus</i>	Breakout 6 (Room 2) <i>Alternative Investment Platforms for Watershed Management</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks (General Session Room)	

NORTH TAHOE EVENT CENTER



Day One, July 17, 2012 | Program Details

Opening Plenary – *Regional Water Management in California* (General Session Room) | 10:15am – 11:15am

This will be an introductory overview of regional water planning efforts in California, including successes to-date and challenges foreseen. We will hear from a variety of perspectives, setting the stage for the next day and a half.

Moderator

Liz Mansfield, Sierra Water Workgroup Coordinator

Panelists

Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Executive Director

Debbie Davis, Gov. Office of Public Research, Community & Rural Affairs Advisor

Mark Cowin, Department of Water Resources, Director

Concurrent Breakouts | 11:30am – 12:45pm

Breakout 1 (Room 1) – *Spatial Analyses and Map Communication Strategies in Water Planning*

The moderator will lead a discussion of water projects that have been, or are near, implementation. The panelists will share their experiences evaluating and implementing projects, including important criteria, tools such as GIS, and how to classify and prioritize water projects in California. This breakout will end with a discussion of how IRWMs can collaborate, especially in terms of identifying, prioritizing, and mapping projects.

Moderator

Liz Gladin, PhD Candidate in Anthropology & Conservation at University of Kent, Research Associate at Stockholm Environment Institute

Panelists

Janet Hatfield, Inyo-Mono IRWMP, Program Assistant, GIS Specialist

Elizabeth Van Wagtendonk, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Analyst

Carlos Ramirez, USDA Forest Service, Vegetation Mapping and Inventory Group Leader

Breakout 2 (Room 2) – *Tips and Pitfalls for IRWM Project Funding*

This session will explore the ins and outs of water project funding through IRWMs, including project criteria, funding beyond DWR and Proposition 84, prioritization in the face of climate change and disadvantaged community considerations, and tools for modeling and cost-benefit analysis.

Moderator

Pat Garcia, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, District Manager

Panelists

Trevor Joseph, DWR, Senior Engineering Biologist, Financial Assistance Branch

Lynn Nolan, STPUD Grants Coordinator, Tahoe Sierra IRWM Project manager

Soapy Mulholland, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, Executive Director

Lunch Break – Delicious Taco Bar (Lakeview Terrace, weather permitting) | 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Enjoy food and company during this networking opportunity.

Day One, July 17, 2012 | Program Details, Continued

Concurrent Breakouts | 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Breakout 3 (Room 1) – *Water Rights*

In this session, you will hear from water rights practitioners and lawyers about hot-button topics such as source water and the Public Trust Doctrine, case law in and out of California, and how changes in water timing and flows will exacerbate water rights issues, especially in the Sierra.

Moderator

John Kingsbury, Mountain Counties Water Resource Association, Executive Director

Panelists

Dave Eggerton, El Dorado County Water Agency, General Manager

Jan Goldsmith, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard, Attorney

Ryan Bezerra, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, Shareholder

Antonio Rossmann, UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley Law, Lecturer

Breakout 4 (Room 2) – *Climate Change in Water Planning*

In this session, we will discuss how to address climate change in your IRWM Plan, starting with the most recent DWR guidelines and requirements. This breakout will include advice and case studies on conducting a greenhouse gas inventory and developing mitigation strategies, the pros and cons of available modeling techniques, vulnerability assessments, and project selection criteria and prioritization.

Moderator

Elizabeth Betancourt, Liquid State, Principal

Panelists

Erin Chappell, CA Department of Water Resources, Staff Environmental Scientist

Phil Saksa, UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute, Research Assistant and PhD student

Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWMP, Program Manager

John Shelton, Department of Fish and Game, Environmental Scientist

Plenary – *Engaging Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Perspectives for IRWM in the Sierra* | 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm (General Session Room)

This session will look at the issue of disadvantaged communities (DAC) in the Sierra, including how DAC issues fit into IRWMP process, how to identify DAC communities, and characteristics of DAC communities. Tribal perspectives will also be explored, specifically tribes as sovereign nations and resulting government-to-government interactions, unique tribal characteristics and needs, and common misconceptions.

Moderator

Debbie Davis, Gov. Office of Public Research, Community & Rural Affairs Advisor

Panelists

Mark Drew, Inyo-Mono IRWM, Program Director; Cal Trout, Eastern Sierra Program Manager

Katie Burdick, CABY IRWM, Executive Director

Gary Lippner, California Department of Water Resources, Regional Coordinator

Closing Remarks and Adjournment | 4:45pm – 5:00 pm (General Session Room)

Liz Mansfield will close the day out.

Day Two, June 18, 2012 | Program Details

Opening Remarks – *Ideal Summit Outcomes* | 10:00 am -10:15 am (General Session Room)

Liz Mansfield, Sierra Water Workgroup Coordinator – What is possible through the Sierra Water Work Group and how Sierra IRWMPs are stronger as a unified voice.

Plenary – *Sierra IRWM Success Stories* | 10:15 am – 11:00 am (General Session Room)

A short presentation by each Sierra IRWM Group.
Moderated by Joan Clayburgh, Sierra Nevada Alliance, Executive Director.

Concurrent Breakouts | 11:15 am -12:30 pm

Breakout 5 (Room 1) – *Water-Land Nexus*

In Integrated Regional Water Management Planning, preference is given to Proposals that “*Effectively integrate water management with land use planning*” (PRC §75026.(b) and CWC §10544) and according to the 2010 DWR Guidelines, Plans “*must contain processes that foster communication between land use managers and RWMGs with the intent of effectively integrating water management and land use planning. IRWM Plans must document: current relationship between local land use planning, regional water issues, and water management objectives; and future plans to further a collaborative, proactive relationship between land use planners and water managers.*”

Some county and city General Plans can include a specific water “element” and often look at water through the lens of services required for development and fire protection. This session will explore advantages to leveraging land use plans and policies in water planning, identifying overlaps, and ideas for collaboration between land use and water planners.

Moderator

Otis Wollen, American River Institute, President

Panelists

Bob Meacher, Plumas County, District 2 County Supervisor
Craig Breon, Sierra Nevada Alliance, Regional Climate Change Program Director
Ken Vang, Madera County Engineer
Tim Crough, Nevada Irrigation District, Assistant General Manager

Breakout 6 (Room 2) – *Alternative Investment Platforms for Watershed Management*

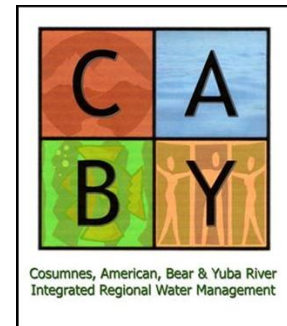
This session will explore emerging watershed management investment platforms – including water trusts, voluntary transfer of water rights for instream flow, and other ideas – that engage water districts, water users, energy producers, landowners and even large corporations in alternatives to traditional government or foundation grant funding.

Moderator:

Kerri Timmer, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Regional Policy and Programs Manager

Panelists:

Kim Carr, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator
Vance Russell, National Forest Foundation, Director, California Program
Chris Alford, American Rivers, Associate Director
Kathy Hardy, USDA Forest Service, El Dorado National Forest Supervisor



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Day Two, June 18, 2012 | Program Details, Continued

Closing Remarks – *Collaborate On!* | 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm (General Session Room)

Liz Mansfield will mention some collaboration tools and ideas for the future and leave the group with some action items and inspirational thoughts.

Adjournment | 1:00 pm

Have a safe trip home or get out and explore Tahoe or other parts of the Sierra you do not get to visit as often as you would like!