REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

For CA Water Resource Management

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CHALLENGES

- Aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance
- Groundwater levels are declining
- Lack of access to clean water

- The ecological health of key areas in the state continue to decline
- Existing agency governance structures do not match today’s need

- California is likely to experience more ‘extreme events’ and one in five Californians live in a floodplain
Funding: CA has no standing process to prioritize and fund long-term, sustainable investment in water management and Regional economies are experiencing a reduction in stability.

Water management efforts typically focus on short-term actions rather than on long-term outcomes.
MOVING FORWARD

• **CA Water Action Plan**

• **CA Flood Future Report**

• **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

• **Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1)**
SUSTAINABILITY

• Vision:
  – Provide for public health and safety
  – Support a stable economy
  – Sustain vital ecosystems
  – Provide opportunities for enriching experiences

• Intended Outcomes
• Regional Approach
QUESTIONS

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