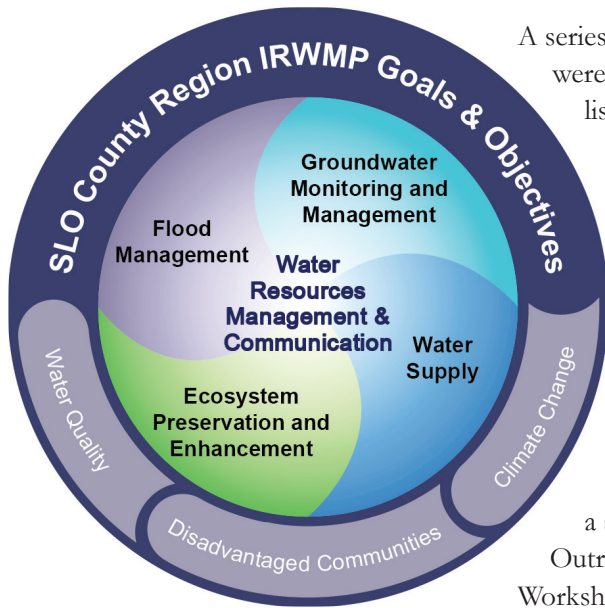




# San Luis Obispo IRWM Plan Update

## Public Outreach and Workshops



A series of meetings and workshops were held in March 2013 (see list of meetings) to reach out and engage stakeholders in the San Luis Obispo Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update. In addition to the initial Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) meeting to kick off the San Luis Obispo IRWM Plan Update, a series of Stakeholder/DAC Outreach Meetings and Subregional Workshops were conducted to seek stakeholder input to identify the most pressing water issues in the Region. As part of the Plan Update, the Region has been divided into three

Sub-Regions to better account for the geographic and hydrologic variations within the Region. The three subregions are based on the County Master Water Report which identified the North Coast, North County, and South County Subregions.

A total of six Stakeholder/DAC Outreach meetings were held between March 18th to 22nd, to introduce the IRWM Plan Update. The following week, three Sub-Region workshops were held to identify the water issues within each sub-region, and begin the process to review and update the goals and objectives from the past IRWM Plan. This brochure identifies the water issues identified during these meetings and workshops for each subregion, and for the Plan Area.

### IRWM Plan Update Workshops

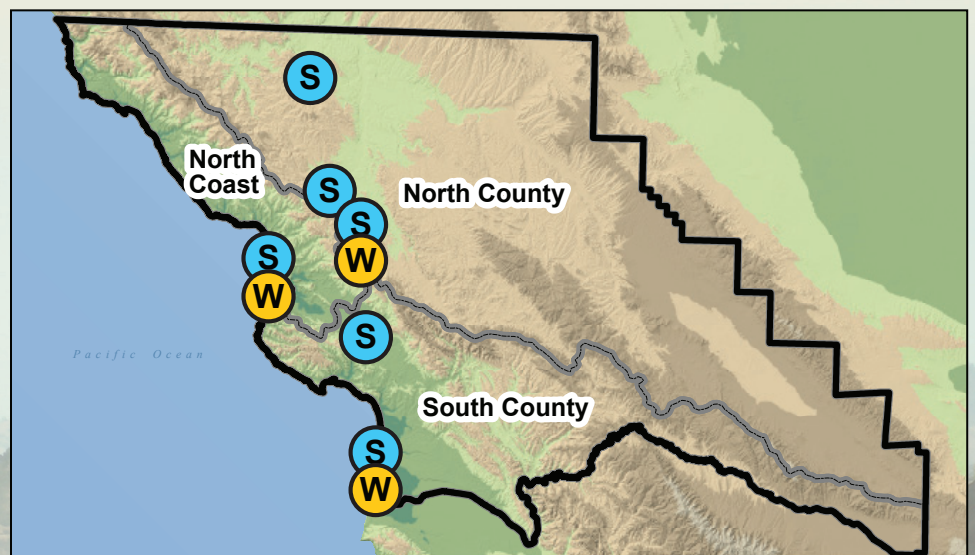
#### COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TO INTRODUCE THE IRWM PROGRAM WERE HELD AT

- Oceano
- San Luis Obispo
- Atascadero
- Morro Bay
- San Miguel
- Paso Robles

#### SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS WATER ISSUES AND IRWM GOALS/OBJECTIVES WERE HELD AT

- South County Sub-Region
- North Coast Sub-Region
- North County Sub-Region

### LOCATION OF SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS



**S** = Stakeholder Meeting      **W** = Sub-Regional Workshop

## Outreach and Issue Identification

A survey was conducted at each of the Sub-region workshops asking the stakeholders to identify the three most important and pressing water issues in the sub-region. These results of these surveys were tabulated and are presented on the graphs below. Based on this input, an updated set

of IRWM Plan Goals have been identified which include:

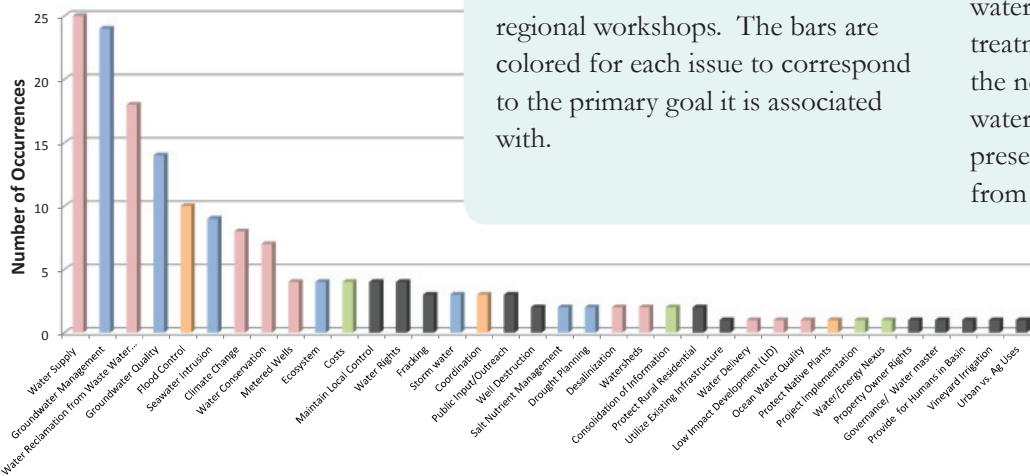
- Water Supply
- Flood Management
- Groundwater Monitoring and Management
- Ecosystem and Watershed
- Water Resources Management and Communication

It should be noted that Water Quality (which was included as a goal in the 2007 Plan) is included in a variety of objectives in each of the goals to address specific issues within each goal and better represent water quality issues within each subregion.

### REGION ISSUES

This graph below identifies the number of occurrence each water issue was listed from all three sub-regional workshops. The bars are colored for each issue to correspond to the primary goal it is associated with.

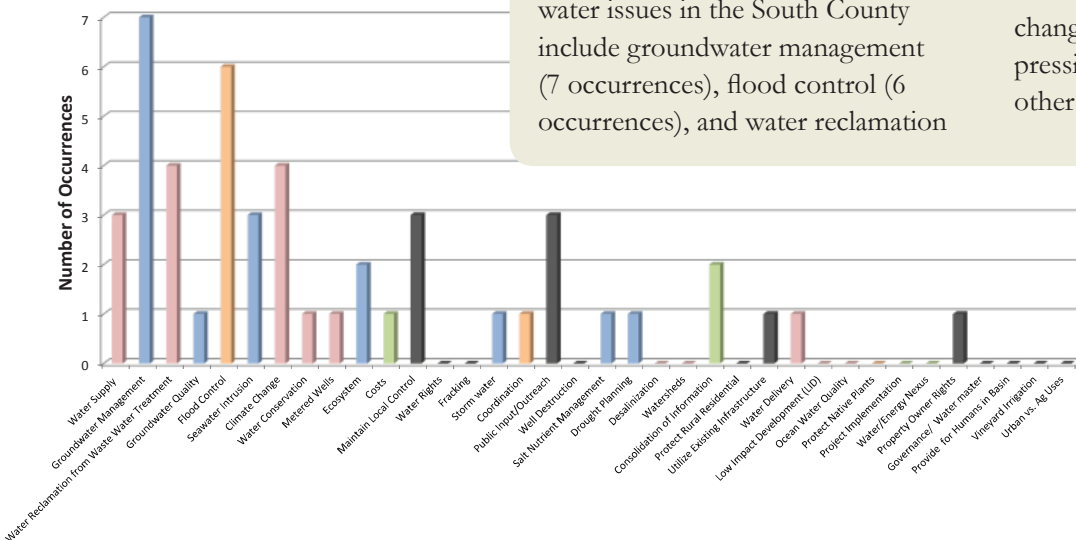
The three issues with the largest number of occurrences, water supply (25 occurrences), groundwater management (24 occurrences), and water reclamation from waste water treatment (18 occurrences), represent the need for improving the overall water supply for the region by presenting the Sub-regional variations from the stakeholder's perspectives.



### SOUTH COUNTY

Based on the survey, the most pressing water issues in the South County include groundwater management (7 occurrences), flood control (6 occurrences), and water reclamation

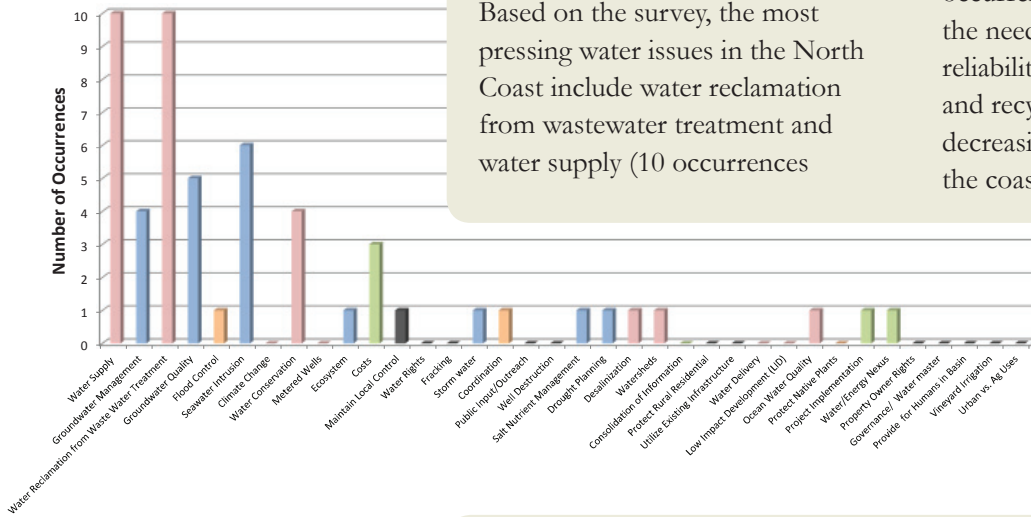
from wastewater treatment and climate change (4 occurrences each). Flood control and the impacts of climate change were identified as more pressing issues here compared to the other sub-regions.



### NORTH COAST

Based on the survey, the most pressing water issues in the North Coast include water reclamation from wastewater treatment and water supply (10 occurrences)

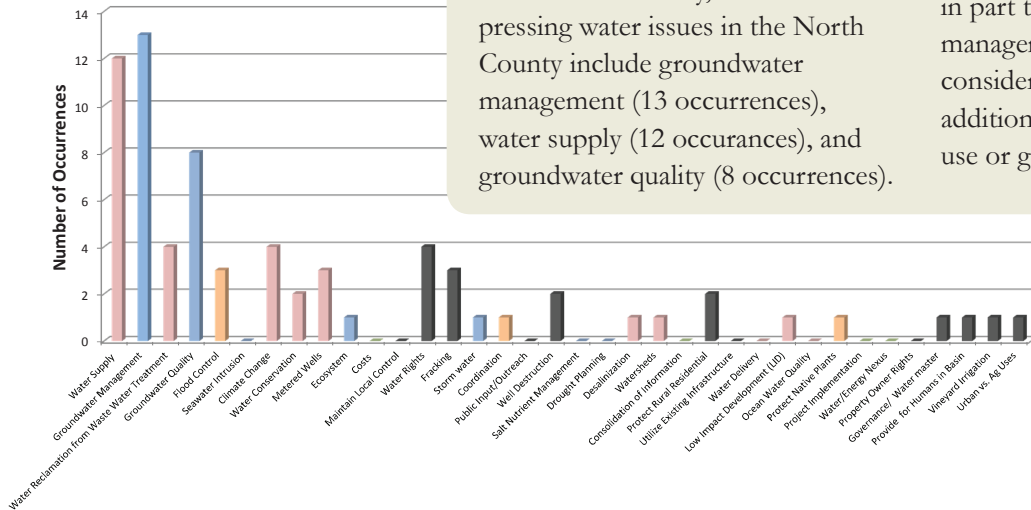
each), and seawater intrusion (6 occurrences). These issues reflect the need for increasing water supply reliability in part through water reuse and recycling opportunities and decreasing groundwater pumping in the coastal groundwater basins.



### NORTH COUNTY

Based on the survey, the most pressing water issues in the North County include groundwater management (13 occurrences), water supply (12 occurrences), and groundwater quality (8 occurrences).

These issues reflect the need for increasing the overall water supply in part through better groundwater management which is generally considered to include providing additional supplies for conjunctive use or groundwater banking.



### LEGEND

- = Water Quality
- = Water Supply
- = Ecosystem Preservation and Restoration
- = Groundwater Monitoring and Management
- = Flood Control
- = Water Management

### NEXT STEPS

During April and May, the RWMG is developing the Regional goals and objectives and working with the Sub-Region Work Groups and stakeholders to develop the sub-regional priorities. The draft goals and objectives technical memorandum has been

provided to all interested parties via email, and is available on the IRWMP website, [www.slocountywater.org](http://www.slocountywater.org).

The **next RWMG meeting** is scheduled for **June 5, 2013** from 9am -12pm at the San Luis Obispo City/ County Library Community Room.



### SAN LUIS REGION'S IRWM PLAN VISION STATEMENT

*The San Luis Integrated Regional Water Management Plan seeks to enhance regional cooperation promoting sustainable water resource management while balancing economic, environmental and cultural values, and property rights; recognizing the role of regulatory agencies and the autonomy of individual jurisdictions.*

For additional information about the IRWM Plan Update and access to the electronic documents associated with this effort, visit:

<http://www.slocountywater.org/>

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| San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District | Land Conservancy  |
| California Men's Colony  | Los Osos CSD  |
| City of Arroyo Grande  | Morro Bay National Estuary Program                        |
| City of Grover Beach   | Nipomo CSD  |
| City of Morro Bay  | Oceano CSD  |
| City of Paso Robles  | Templeton CSD   |
| City of Pismo Beach  | San Miguel CSD  |
| City of San Luis Obispo  | San Simeon CSD  |
| Central Coast Salmon Enhancement                                     | S&T Mutual Water Company                                  |
| Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District                      | Upper Salinas - Las Tablas Resource Conservation District |



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