

**Sacramento River Strategic Planning
March 8, 2003 Meeting**

VOTING RESULTS

Below are the voting results from the March 8 Meeting
Participants were asked to vote for 1/3 of the strategies
under each goal. They prioritized the goals and methods

METHODS

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| 16 | A. Science. |
| 14 | C. Grassroots. |
| 13 | D. Land: Purchase or Easements. |
| 13 | G. Education |
| 11 | B. The Law. |
| 7 | F. Management of Habitat Restoration. |
| 1 | E. Stakeholder Processes. |

GOALS

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| 24 | F. Habitat Restoration. |
| 24 | H. Habitat Protection. |
| 19 | L. Stewardship and Advocacy |
| 18 | B. Water Quality Improvement. |
| 18 | C. Instream Flows. |
| 11 | M. Urban Growth. |
| 11 | N. Knowledge. |
| 8 | K. Geomorphic Processes. |
| 5 | O. Population Growth |
| 4 | G. Forest Practices. |
| 4 | J. Invasive Species and Diseases. |
| 2 | D. Barriers to Fish Passage. |
| 1 | A. Watershed Stakeholder Processes. |
| 1 | E. Grazing Reform. |
| 1 | I. Hatcheries. |

A. Watershed Stakeholder Processes.

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| 18 | 2. Strong environmental representation... |
| 16 | 1. Fund environmental experts. |
| 13 | 6. Sacramento Environmental Water Caucus. |
| 12 | 8. Public funds |
| 8 | 4. Environmental representation in SRW. |
| 8 | 7. Form new and better stakeholder groups. |
| 6 | 3. Watershed computer models. |
| 5 | 5. Boycott stakeholder processes. |
| 4 | 9. Recreation Groups |

B. Water Quality Improvement.

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| 18 | 11. Fully fund RWQCB. |
| 17 | 15. Urban Nonpoint |
| 16 | 7. Sue polluters. |
| 15 | 1. Users pay for monitoring. |
| 15 | 2. Impose fees to pay agency oversight costs. |
| 15 | 3. Environmental majorities on Boards and Commissions. |
| 15 | 18. Grading and vegetation removal |
| 15 | 19. Groundwater quality |
| 13 | 8. Riparian forests as filters |
| 13 | 17. Fines apy for monitoring and enforcement |
| 11 | 16. Ag Comissions and RCDs |
| 9 | 5. Watershed computer models. |
| 9 | 20. Fees on urban water |
| 7 | 9. Better access to data. |
| 5 | 6. Citizen monitoring. |
| 5 | 14. Integrated conceptual models. |
| 4 | 4. Stakeholders pay for research. |
| 3 | 10. Government research. |
| 3 | 13. On-line catalog of water quality information. |
| 1 | 12. Permits for dairies. |

C. Instream Flows.

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| 19 | 15. Regulate groundwater extraction |
| 18 | 6. Measure stream flows and groundwater levels. |
| 17 | 17. Establish public trust for stream flows |
| 16 | 11. Urban landscaping. |
| 14 | 4. Upper watershed restoration. |
| 12 | 8. Research efficient water use in Ag. |
| 11 | 1. FERC relicensing opportunities. |
| 11 | 14. Stop new dams. |
| 10 | 2. Evaluate efficient water practices on stream flows. |
| 10 | 13. Conduct full, valid EIRs on transfers |
| 9 | 5. Water transfer programmatic EIR. |
| 7 | 10. Stop USBR Sacramento contract renewals. |
| 7 | 16. agriculture pays opportunity costs on water |
| 6 | 7. Access to water measurement information. |
| 6 | 12. Baseline stream conditions before water transfers. |
| 5 | 3. Evaluate conjunctive use opportunities. |
| 5 | 9. Oppose the South Delta Improvement Project. |
| | 18. <i>Clearinghouse for transfer notifications / info</i> |
| | 19. <i>Environmental checklist for transfers</i> |
| | 20. <i>Transfer fees pay for model of valley</i> |

**note: strategies 18-20 were added in the breakout session*

D. Barriers to Fish Passage.

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| 14 | 4. Water users fund evaluation and monitoring. |
| 10 | 5. Butte Creek becomes restoration model. |
| 7 | 1. Red Bluff Diversion dam improvements. |
| 4 | 2. Battle Creek becomes restoration model. |
| 3 | 3. Strategic plans for dam removal / fish ladders. |

E. Grazing Reform.

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| 20 | 2. Use the Clean Water Act. |
| 14 | 8. Increase fees to reflect true cost of grazing |
| 12 | 6. Monitoring |
| 9 | 1. Buyout grazing permits. |
| 9 | 5. Research grazing management practices. |
| 8 | 3. Easements. |
| 5 | 4. Better access to information. |
| 5 | 7. New legislation. |

F. Habitat Restoration.

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| 18 | 3. Wildlife Friendly Farming practices. |
| 16 | 7. Identify habitat needs. |
| 16 | 15. Make Public access part of restoration projects |
| 16 | 16. Make ESA recovery work |
| 15 | 8. Fund property taxes on habitat conversions |
| 14 | 2. Grassroots pressure locally. |
| 14 | 4. Leverage flood control improvements. |
| 11 | 6. Mitigate development. |
| 8 | 11. Create model county ordinances. |
| 8 | 17. Connectivity / Reduction of Fragmentation |
| 6 | 1. Legal action on county level. |
| 6 | 5. Use next bond act. |
| 6 | 12. Craft a Safe Harbor Program. |
| 5 | 10. Support CA EPA's Strategic Watershed Plan. |
| 4 | 13. Information access and quality. |
| 4 | 14. Research to improve restoration management. |
| 3 | 9. CEQA exemption for small projects. |

G. Forest Practices.

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| 24 | 7. Stop Bush |
| 20 | 2. The Clean Water Act. |
| 15 | 3. Fire fighting policies and regulations. |
| 13 | 4. Monitoring and research. |
| 10 | 5. Information access and quality. |
| 8 | 1. State Board of Forestry. |
| 3 | 6. Research to improve management. |

H. Habitat Protection.

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| 17 | 3. Easements and purchases. |
| 11 | 2. National Wilderness designation. |
| 11 | 4. Critical habitat designation, |
| 11 | 9. Expand SR refuge and other refuges |
| 10 | 1. Wild and scenic designation. |
| 10 | 8. Fund ESA |
| 9 | 7. Advance HCPs and NCCPs. |
| 4 | 6. Research species sustainability. |
| 3 | 5. Stop new dams. |

I. Hatcheries.

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| 14 | 6. Non-native species. |
| 9 | 5. Research hatchery practices. |
| 8 | 2. Change Dept. of Fish and Game trout planting practices |
| 6 | 3. Better regulation of hatcheries. |
| 5 | 4. Information access. |
| 3 | 1. Coleman National Fish Hatchery |

J. Invasive Species and Diseases.

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| 18 | 1. Grazing and weeds. |
| 14 | 4. United plan for weed management. |
| 12 | 7. Better information access. |
| 11 | 8. Research. |
| 11 | 9. Reduce impacts of feral non-native wildlife |
| 10 | 5. Giant Reed and Tamarisk. |
| 10 | 6. Fire management. |
| 7 | 11. Reduce recreation impacts |
| 5 | 3. Northern Pike. |
| 4 | 2. Sudden Oak Death. |
| 1 | 10. Weed free feed |

K. Geomorphic Processes.

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| 28 | 1. Establish meander zones |
| 13 | 5. Remove and prevent riprap / bank hardening. |
| 12 | 2. Create management plans for stream / rivers |
| 12 | 10. Mining doesn't harm streams |
| 9 | 4. Remove or allow water to flow through key dams |
| 7 | 8. Research. |
| 7 | 9. Computer modeling. |
| 4 | 7. Better information access |
| 1 | 6. Woody debris for geomorphic benefits. |
| 0 | 3. Add gravel to enhance geomorphic processes. |

L. Stewardship and Advocacy

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| 21 | 8. Improve Media Coverage |
| 17 | 6. Effectiveness of environmental groups. |
| 15 | 3. Recreation leads to advocacy. |
| 13 | 7. Elect environmental candidates. |
| 9 | 1. School curriculum. |
| 8 | 4. Non-school learning institutions. |
| 7 | 9. Educate Consumers |
| 6 | 2. Extracurricular programs. |
| 5 | 5. Advocacy training. |
| | 10. Popular Values and Catch Phrases |

M. Urban Growth.

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| 17 | 1. Densification and sprawl. |
| 15 | 2. City council members and county supervisors. |
| 15 | 4. Sustainable water use. |
| 15 | 7. Land use conservation initiatives |
| 14 | 6. Elect environmental candidates. |
| 11 | 3. Mitigation fees. |
| 10 | 8. Provide Recreation Opportunities |
| 5 | 10. Protect recharge areas |
| 3 | 9. Fight takings initiatives |
| 2 | 5. Urban forests. |
| 0 | 11. Stop Subsidizing Growth |

N. Knowledge.

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| 21 | 1. Access to information. |
| 20 | 3. Monitoring. |
| 11 | 6. Watershed computer models. |
| 10 | 9. Conceptual models. |
| 7 | 2. Watershed web portals. |
| 7 | 4. Historic information. |
| 4 | 7. Whistleblower protection. |
| 4 | 8. Grad students. |
| 2 | 5. Aerial photographs. |
| 2 | 10. Educate Consumers (moved to stewardship...) |

O. Stabilize Population growth and resource consumption

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| 21 | 1. Link sustainability discussions to population growth |
| 2 | 2. Fund international family planning |
| 1 | 3. Stop subsidizing growth |
| | 5. Sustainable Agriculture |