

Interview Questions

Sacramento Valley Four County Water Resources Planning & Management Assessment

1. [**Interviewee Background**] What have been your principal **experiences** in Water Resources planning and management planning in the Four County area?
2. [**Current Situation**] What's **working well** about water resources planning and management in the Four County Area? In [your] County? Are there any success stories you can point to, e.g., plans, projects, policies, programs?
3. [**Current Situation**] What's **not working as well as you'd like** about water resources planning and management in the Four County Area? In [your] County? What would you most want to change?
4. [**Looking Forward**] What do you think are the principal **challenges or barriers** facing Water Resources planning and management in the Four County Area? In [your] County? How might these challenges or barriers be **overcome**?
5. [**Looking Forward**] What do you think are the principal **opportunities** for improving water resources planning and management in the Four County Area? In [your] County? Are there things going on in **other parts of the state** that might work in this part of the state?
6. [**Stakeholder Identity**] In your part of the Sacramento Valley, besides the Counties and the water districts, what are the **principal groups** who have a stake in water resources planning and management? What are their **key interests**?
7. [**Stakeholder Concerns**] How well **informed** about the interests and concerns of these stakeholders do you feel are water resources planners and managers in the Four County Area? In [your] County?
8. [**Stakeholder Concerns**] How well do you feel that water resources planners and managers in the Four County Area ... In [your] County ... are able to **consider** and **address** stakeholder concerns when making planning or management decisions? What **approach would you recommend** for participation by these other stakeholders?
9. [**Agreement Making**] What have been the **drivers for** recent **agreements** about water resources planning and management in the Four County Area? In [your] County reached? How are disputes resolved?
10. [**Current Agreements**] Do you have any knowledge about or experience with either the **Four County MOU**, the **Multi-Party MOU**, or the **Sacramento Valley IRWMP**? If so, what has been your impressions to date of how these plans and agreements are working?
11. [**Current Agreements**] Under any of the current agreements, how **clearly defined** are the specific roles and responsibilities of the various water resources planning and management entities in the Four County area? In your County? Are there roles and responsibilities that need to be filled? Are there ways where current roles and responsibilities might be **reconfigured** to take better advantage of particular knowledge, strengths, experiences, or other assets of particular entities?

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12. **[Others]** To whom else should I make sure I talk who might have a different perspective on any of these matters than you do?
13. **[Others]** What question(s) should I have asked you? What else do you think I should know to understand water resources planning and management in the Four County area? In your County?