

Central Sierra Watershed Committee Past Strategic Planning Sessions

September 24, 1997 - Planning Session

June 10, 1998 - Strategic Planning Session

June 1999 - Annual Planning Session

October 14, 2002- CSWC Goals

The Goals and Objectives have been developed over the last three years during monthly meeting of the Steering Committee and through special planning and strategic sessions in conjunction with the Central Sierra Watershed Committee (CSWC).

The CSWC was established in September of 1997. The Committee has met monthly since then and its membership consists of representatives from the private sector as well as federal, state, and local agencies. The mailing list for the RC&D Steering Committee consists of 90+ interested parties. Since its inception, the Steering Committee has been successful in obtaining over \$1.1 million in grant funds for project planning and implementation.

Planning Sessions

September 24, 1997 - Needs Assessment & Goals Established - CSWC

At the first meeting of the CSWC the following goals and objectives were established:

- > Reduce the presence of contaminants in area's drinking water
- > Increase water yield and retention capabilities
- > Improving, restoring and enhancing fisheries and riparian habitat throughout the watersheds
- > Improving overall forest health including fuels reduction
- > Reduce sedimentation loading factors
- > Successfully locate funding sources

June 10, 1998 - Strategic Planning Session -Central Sierra Watershed Committee At this

meeting a Strategic Plan was developed with the assistance of a facilitator.

Question 1. What should this committee be doing? What is the most important watershed concern/issue that the committee should be working on? *Question 2.* What is the first step?

Answers

- Getting positive action concerning our natural resources in motion

Action needed: Obtain funding to jump-start the process

- Community based projects that enhance watershed health and water quality. Example: a fuel reduction program that is economically sustainable - sustainable timber thinning or cutting.

Action needed: Research economic and technical feasibility. What are other areas doing?

- Water Quality

Action needed: Base Line Study of the watershed.

- Direct efforts toward increasing water yield for human use and protecting water quality for drinking and recreational use.

Action needed: Gather pertinent data.

- Canvas the communities to determine views of what the watersheds need. The Committee should continue to address the critical relationship of Fuel/Fire/Watershed stability.

Watershed Planning Goals:

1. Participate in land use planning as it relates to water (consideration of impact on natural resources of the Sierra).
2. Information Connection Technology.
3. Identify sources of water within the fractured bedrock - need a method to research the hydrology of the Sierra and need sources of funding.
4. Inventory existing data and identify data gaps.
 - a. Well driller's logs - (well drillers required to notify the county of achievable quantities).
 - b. USFS has a database of eroded areas that are causing resource damage.
 - c. Wildfire fuel loading
5. Regular updates on all the ongoing local land use projects.
6. Create a CSWC Fact Sheet with a summary of what has transpired and of future Committee plans, objectives and goals.

Summary of Annual Planning Session:

Focus on goals and objectives for the next year. Complete application to USDA for the creation of a RC&D Council. When appropriate the committee will become the Steering Committee for the RC&D Council.

**GOALS FOR THE
CENTRAL SIERRA WATERSHED COMMITTEE**

October 14, 2002

(Paul Rich)

1. Water Quantity
 - a. Support and promote the development of cost effective methodology for sustainable water yields.
 - b. Support and promote the development of surface water supply.
2. Water Quality
 - a. Support and promote Best Management Practices to identify and reduce contaminants to water sources.
 - b. Support and promote Best Management Practices that protect soil resources and water quality.
3. Support and Promote the Implementation of Watershed Plans
4. Provide Expertise, Advise, and Present Opportunities to Government Agencies and Others
5. Provide Public Education and Coordinate Community Involvement Regarding Watershed Issues
6. Support and Promote the Application for Grants that Achieve the Goals and Objectives of the Central Sierra Watershed Committee
7. Support and Promote the Coordination of Stakeholders Working Together
8. Support and Promote Fuel Management for Sustainable Watershed Health