

Watershed Resilience Program Deliverables Guidance Crosswalk – Watershed Network Communication and Engagement Resources

The following resources are provided as optional guidance in support of building as equitable of a Watershed Network as possible in completing the deliverables outlined in the Watershed Resilience Program Funding Agreement.

While each watershed is unique in its variety of participants, physical characteristics, and planned approaches to developing its Resilience Plan, these resources are presented in support of completing the following tasks outlined as deliverables:

- Task 3: Identify and Assess Regional Networks
- Task 4: Develop Watershed Network

These resources are not required by the Funding Agreement to be completed and do not require additional funding from the Watershed Grantees to implement – rather, they are provided as existing resources that could be utilized in forming a Watershed Network.

Furthermore, Grantees are not expected nor required to reach out to or involve every entity listed in these resources or follow every step outlined in guidance.

Instead, DWR provides these as means to promote a process that builds trust and provides space for difficult conversations that lead to the co-development of Watershed solutions and resilience strategies.

<p><u>Task 3: Identify and Assess Regional Networks</u></p> <p>Funding Agreement Deliverable(s): Draft Existing Regional Network Assessment section that includes an assessment of existing regional networks and engagement efforts and identifies any gaps in engaging historically excluded communities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Suggested Guidance/Resources to Achieve</p> <p>Watershed Network List This chart is designed to help Watershed Grantees identify the different network participants within the watershed to be invited to participate in the network process and decision-making structure.</p> <p>Sample Communication & Engagement Plan This document summarizes the steps that Watershed Grantees can take in developing their Watershed Network mapping and communication & engagement approaches.</p> <p>“Lay of the Land” template Once potential network participants are identified, the “Lay of the Land” chart helps Watershed Grantees identify the Network partners’ interests and role in developing the deliverables of the Funding Agreement.</p> <p>RUBIN Equitable Engagement Framework This engagement model outlines approaches and tools for achieving robust community engagement at a watershed scale with identified Watershed Network representatives.</p>
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<p><u>Task 4: Develop Watershed Network</u></p> <p>Funding Agreement Deliverable(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine watershed network participants, roles, and expectations for contributing to the tasks of the Funding Agreement. • Develop outreach and engagement strategies for the watershed network and for informing the public on progress. • Establish an equitable and inclusive watershed network decision-making structure and develop written policies and procedures for that structure to ensure equitable inclusion and representation of vulnerable communities and California Tribes in this Project. Policies and procedures shall take into account equity considerations (i.e. language access services, accessible timing and format of meetings, 	<p style="text-align: center;">Suggested Guidance/Resources to Achieve</p> <p><u>Spectrum of Community Engagement</u> This tool is designed to help Watershed Grantees assess what level of engagement they are achieving with their Watershed Network representatives.</p> <p><u>Addressing Complex Problems Together: A Network Story</u> This document outlines key principles and elements of network development based on the experiences of the Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR) network.</p> <p><u>Water Solutions Network (WSN) Resources</u> This document outlines potential meeting facilitation approaches that can be used by Watershed Grantees and is intended to guide Grantees in understanding effective, collaborative practices for network development and management.</p> <p><u>RUBIN Race & Equity Focused Public Engagement Model</u> Appendix B of the RUBIN details approaches to achieve outreach and engagement with the identified Watershed Network partners.</p> <p><u>Evaluation and Assessment</u> As the pilot watersheds evolve, an equity-focused evaluation and assessment tool will be provided to Watershed Grantees. This tool will aim to facilitate “learning by doing”, allowing watersheds to assess their level of engagement, identify areas for improvement, and provide feedback to DWR. It will also support future watershed resilience planning efforts in a more equitable manner.</p>
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incorporation of traditional ecological knowledge into projects, designated roles for specific communities, etc.). The policies and procedures will address, at a minimum, the following Watershed Network elements:

- Purpose
- Structure
- Officers
- Members
- Decision-Making Structures
- Administration
- Document the above tasks in a Watershed Network Development and Partner Engagement section.