



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE UPDATED – June 23, 2017 – Members of the public are invited to participate in workshops throughout San Luis Obispo County. Input gathered from the workshops will be used to update the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan, which seeks to create a unified framework among San Luis Obispo County stakeholders for sustainable water resources management.

The County of San Luis Obispo, together with Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) members, will host eight workshops on the following dates:

Date	Time	Location
Monday July 10, 2017	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Veteran's Memorial Building 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay , CA 93442
Monday July 10, 2017	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Nipomo Community Services District 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo , CA 93444
Monday July 10, 2017	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	SLO City/County Library Community Room 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo , CA 93401
Wednesday July 12, 2017	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Los Osos Community Services District 2122 9th Street Suite 106, Los Osos , CA 93402
Wednesday July 12, 2017	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Cavalier Banquet Room 250 San Simeon Avenue, San Simeon , CA 93452
Thursday July 13, 2017	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Templeton Community Center 601 South Main Street, Templeton , CA 93465
Thursday July 13, 2017	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Oceano Community Services District 1655 Front Street, Oceano , CA 93445
Saturday July 15, 2017	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Templeton Community Services District 420 Crocker Street, Templeton , CA 93465

Each workshop will focus on presenting the planning process to update the current IRWM Plan and inviting agencies, organizations, and individuals to identify and discuss the

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important water issues in their communities. The update of the IRWM Plan will be prepared with grant funding awarded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) under Proposition 1. The IRWM Plan is intended to promote and implement strategies to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable water supplies, better water quality, enhanced groundwater reliability, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agricultural, drought preparedness, and watershed awareness.

The IRWM Plan, which was originally prepared in 2005 and updated in 2007 and 2014, includes projects and programs that are designed to meet the region's needs for water supply reliability, environmental protection, water quality, groundwater protection, and flood protection. Since the adoption of the Plan, several projects have been completed and new projects have been identified.

Over \$22 million of grant funding has been awarded through the IRWM program to support local projects. The Plan will be updated to meet the new state requirements to facilitate improved planning and ensure that projects are eligible for IRWM program funding. The update and adoption process is expected to be completed by April 2018.

For more information about the IRWM Plan, please visit <http://slocountywater.org/irwm>.

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