

## Chapter 14: Summary and next steps



The Phase I Inyo-Mono IRWM Plan represents a culmination of almost three years of meetings, discussions, planning, researching, and writing. It is the intention of the Inyo-Mono RWMG that this document becomes a resource for those looking to learn about water resources in the Inyo-Mono region, much as one might pick up a book about the Owens Valley or Mono Lake to learn about those areas and the related issues. In addition to thoroughly describing the region's varied characteristics, this Plan also comprehensively describes the history of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP, the composition of the RWMG, its governance structure, and outreach efforts. This document also looks to the future, however, and describes how the Plan will be implemented, lists projects being submitted for Round 1 Implementation funding as well as projects that may be submitted in future funding rounds, and discusses logistics of Plan implementation, such as data management and

financing.

The Inyo-Mono RWMG is eager to begin implementing the Phase I Plan. The immediate next step is to submit a suite of projects for funding under the Round 1 Implementation request for proposals, due in early January, 2011. Once funding is awarded, the Group can begin implementing in the Plan in earnest. In the meantime, the Group will continue to build on its successes thus far by continuing to convene meetings and draw stakeholders together into discussions of common interest. In addition, revisions to the Phase I Plan will begin in early 2011 with the awarding of the Planning Grant. Although there is much work to be done, the Group has been able to take a step back to revel in its successes to date. The efforts of the Inyo-Mono RWMG have resulted in a foundation from which water planning and management in the region can be proactive and productive in the decades to come.

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