

# UPDATE

Borrego Valley Stewardship Council

## Integrated Watershed Management Planning

(Bringing Sustainable Water Management, Land-Use, and Economic Development Together)

Activities Current & Proposed:



# Integrated Watershed Management Planning

Bringing Sustainable Watershed  
Management, Land-use Planning, and  
Economic Development Together



# Sunset

Rethinking Groves and Golf in the Era of SGMA

The Borrego Valley  
Stewardship Council  
Presents

## Resort Town Reimagined

A HANDS-ON INTRODUCTION TO  
INTEGRATED MASTER PLANNING  
FEATURING

**Danielle Dolan**  
DIRECTOR OF WATER PROGRAMS  
Local Government Commission

INVITATION ONLY  
**MONDAY**  
**APRIL 8, 2019**  
**8am - 12noon**

UCI DESERT  
RESEARCH CENTER



# Local Government Commission, leading experts on bringing water and land use together, is spearheading current planning effort in BS



Final Report to the  
Community Foundation Water Initiative  
on the  
Equitable Integration of Water and Land Use

Prepared by  
The Local Government Commission

January 2019



## April 8 – “Resort Town Reimagined” Workshop Breakout

Groups carried over to project proposal working groups



# Working Committees

Planning within a Water Budget

Sustainable Destination Management / Hospitality

Sustainable Community Development Needs Assessment

Economic Innovation & Economic Transition Zones

GSP Compliance & Community Plan

Cultural Landscape Survey

Integrated Watershed Management  
Planning Working Group

## SUBJECT EXPERTS

Danielle Dolan, Local Government Commission

Jim Dion, Executive Director Borrego Village Association

Rachel Ralston, LeSar Development Consultants

Kirby Brady, SD Regional EDC

Rebecca Falk, BS Sponsor Group

Vonn-Marie May, Cultural Landscape Survey

Integrated Watershed Management  
Planning Working Group

# STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPANTS

Chair

Brianna Fordem, Anza-Borrego Foundation

Mark Stevens, Superintendent Borrego Unified School District

Betsy Knaak, Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association

Diane Johnson, Borrego Arts Institute

Mike Seley, Seley Ranches

Bill Berkley, Rams Hill Golf Resort

Dave Duncan, Borrego Springs Homeowners Association

Esmeralda Garcia, Working Families Representative

Lori Seagrim, Borrego Valley Endowment Fund

Susan Gilliland, Borrego Valley Endowment Fund

Ramien Shalizi, DeAnza Country Club

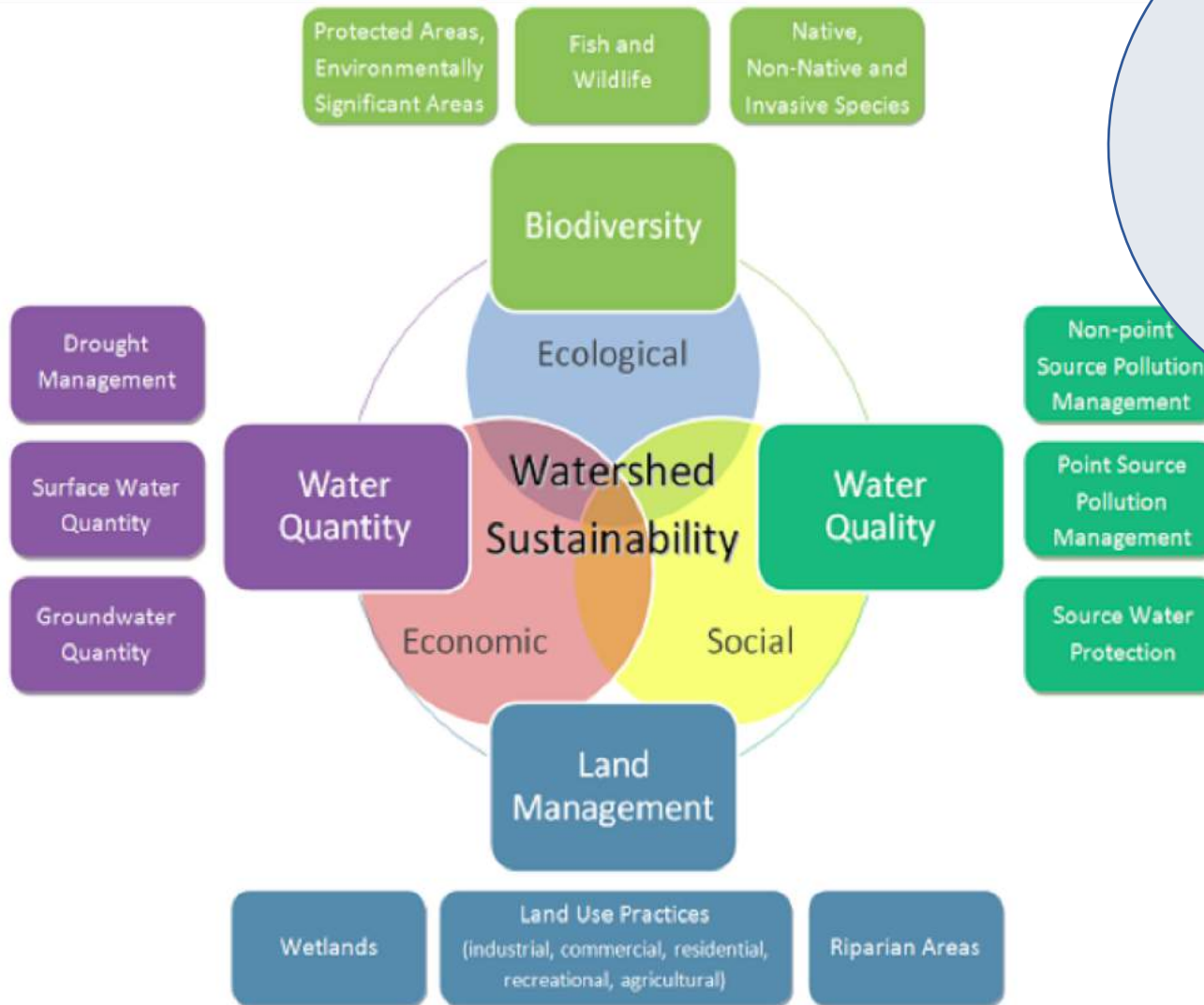
Dick Troy, Former Deputy Director California State Park

Kathy Dice, Borrego Water District

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# What is integrated watershed-scale master planning?



“Putting down on paper the hopes, dreams, and aspirations a community holds for itself.”

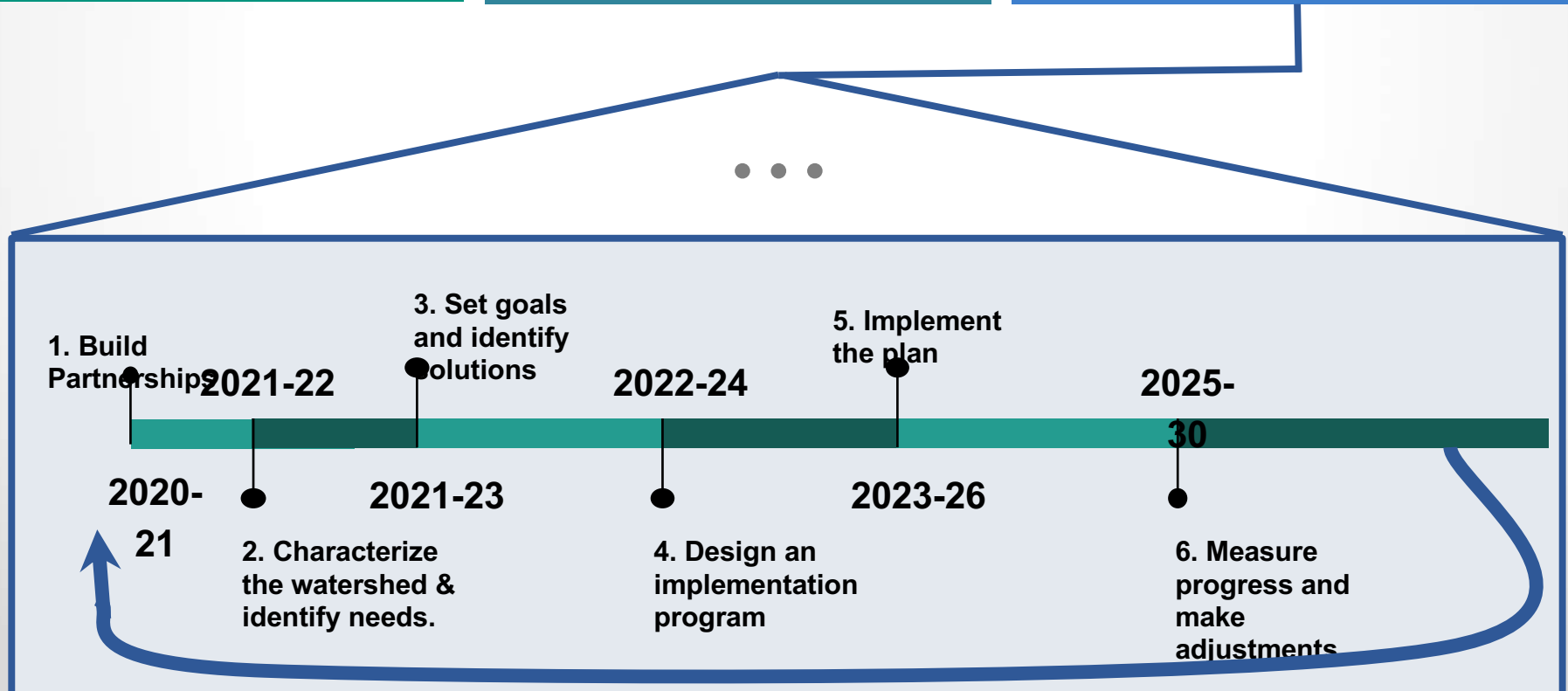
- Michael Chandler,  
*Planning Commissioners Journal*



# How long does integrated watershed-scale master planning take?

## PRE-PLANNING

## PLANNING



# What is the outcome of integrated watershed-scale master planning?

- Shared Community Vision
- Roadmap to Achieve Community Vision
- Opportunity for Investment
- *A vibrant, thriving, sustainable & resilient community (and place) for all community members.*



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# **GROWING WATER SMART** **THE WATER-LAND USE NEXUS**

**ENSURING A PROSPEROUS FUTURE AND HEALTHY  
WATERSHEDS THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF  
WATER RESOURCES AND LAND USE PLANNING.**



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A Center of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy



**SONORAN**  
INSTITUTE

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

Funding Opportunity Announcement No. BOR-DO-19-F010

## WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Policy and Administration  
Denver, Colorado

September 2019



# BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

## WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed

## Management Program Phase I Grants

### BASICS:

- \* Purpose is to create and support Watershed Orgs
- Due November 13, 2020
- \$100,000 / Over Two Years
- .Org Governance - By-Laws, Vision, Mission, Goals
- First Stage in multi-dimensional grant program

# BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

## definition of a Watershed Organization

- A “watershed group,” as defined in Section 6001 (5) (see *Section A.3. Statutory Authority* for full citation) of the Cooperative Watershed Management Act (Act) is a grassroots, non-regulatory entity that addresses water availability and quality issues within the relevant watershed, is capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources in the watershed, makes decisions on a consensus basis, and represents a diverse group of stakeholders, including hydroelectric producers, livestock grazing, timber production, land development, recreation or tourism, irrigated agriculture, the environment, municipal water supplies, private property owners, Federal, state and local governments, and tribes. (See Section 6001 (5) of the Act for the statutory definition of a “watershed group”).

# BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

## Project Proposal

- Codify the Transition of the Borrego Valley Stewardship Council to the Anza-Borrego Desert Watershed Alliance
- Establish Vulnerabilities under GSP to help shape mission of the Alliance & roadmap for EcoDev Strategy
- Forge a course for merging land-use, sustainable groundwater management, and getourism inspired redevelopment goals / economic development strategy via a **VISION 2040 Planning Process**

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

# Project Proposal outcomes

- Local Government Commission to lead workshops to transition of the Stewardship Council into the Anza-Borrego Desert Watershed Alliance
- “On Board” Howard Blackson to initiate and lead the “Vision 2040” Integrated Land-Use Master Plan
- LDC & SD Regional EDC to initiate and lead vulnerability assessment and proposed EIFD / OZ EconDev Strategy

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# ANZA-BORREGO DESERT WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Consulting team: Danielle Dolan/LGC, Howard Blackson/CNU, Kirby Brady/EDC, Rachel Ralston/LDC, VMM/Cultural Landscape Specialist

Economic Development ← Bri Fordem, Chair IWM Working Group ----→ GSP  
Current Integrated Watershed Master Plan Working Group

