

Water Resources Infrastructure: How to Frame the Issues

COMMON POINTS RAISED

- **Infrastructure Panel Discussion**

- High & Higher costs – rates rising & debt service impacts
- Meeting new regulations/environmental objectives – existing infrastructure (O&M and capital) often deferred/reduced
- Benefits gained disproportionate with costs
- Economy and other competing funding resource issues
- Many efforts to improve/advance – but still high costs – Need for flexibility/options/integration
- Importance of electrical grid
- Human resources/work force issues
- Rebranding/reuse (WW/SW)

- **Extreme Weather/Climate Events Workshop**

- Strong coordination (internal & regionally) – though some gaps still noted
- Vulnerabilities
 - Electrical grid critical
 - Employees (fatigue, continuity of operations, payroll, cross-training, etc.)
- Climatological Data
 - Critical, need as much localized info. as possible
 - NOAA data much better now
- Costs – Planning for (\$\$\$\$) vs. Responding (\$\$)
- Addressing these issues doesn't directly address flooding or environmental/water quality issues

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- **CEEPC Goals**
 - Suggested revisions (see below)
 - Membership solicitation:
 - Recommend that 1-2 WRTC member(s) apply
- Based on comments received on the CEEPC Action Plan, staff has made recommended revisions to the Action Plan (attached) that will be reviewed by CEEPC on January 23.
- The changes that may be of interest to the WRTC are the following:
 - #22 - ~~50~~30% of local governments and /or wastewater utilities implement a rainwater capture/reuse or wastewater reuse project.
 - #49 - ~~75~~50% of jurisdictions have a green roof located on government property.
 - #50 - ~~50~~35% of jurisdictions adopt a tree canopy/forest cover goal.
 - #51 - 50% of jurisdictions adopt a [green streets policy](#).

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ACTION ITEMS

- **Infrastructure Event – Workshop & Webinar** (proposed for early April)
 - Focus is on local elected officials
- **Regional Cost Information:**
 - Proposed focus group/task force to help guide gathering cost info.
 - Update previous COG Cost Survey
 - Note that EPA's *Benefits & Costs Analysis of Bay TMDL* effort are currently stalled