

CALIFORNIA WATER AND LAND USE PARTNERSHIP: PARTNERING ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND PROVIDING TOOLS FOR LOCAL DECISION MAKERS

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Abstract:

The California Water and Land Use Partnership (CA WaLUP) is an informal partnership among state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and Universities that have goals related to improving water quality in the state of California. The partnership is an educational program for land use decision makers that addresses the relationship between land use and natural resource protection. CA WaLUP provides practical tools and technical information that help build the capacity of local governments, elected officials, and stakeholders to protect natural resources and encourage informed land use decisions. Advantages of the partnership approach include: an established network for sharing information and ideas; coordinated, multi-partner projects; and shared resources for local workshops.

Throughout this collaborative process there have been multiple individual partner successes where each entity has been working on a piece of the tool box. This process has helped advance the dialogue in California on the link between land and water. We will discuss the California approach to providing tools for end users as well as a state-wide Low Impact Development Training Initiative.

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