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- ◆ The attached transparencies summarize preliminary responses to surveys completed by participants in western watershed groups. A more complete summary of responses will be published by the Center by Fall of 1999.

1. Problems of Concern

A. Natural Resources Problems Considered by the Groups to be of High Concern

◆ Water Quality	90%
◆ Water Supply & Flow Regimes	72%
◆ Fish & Wildlife / Endangered Species	70%
◆ Land Use or Management	62%
◆ General Environmental Degradation	48%
◆ Other	32%

B. Institutional Problems Considered by the Groups to be of High Concern

◆ Inadequate Interagency or Interjurisdictional Coordination	64%
◆ Inadequate Attention or Funding Given to the Resource (Neglect)	52%
◆ Lack of Local Involvement	50%
◆ Ineffective Management Programs or Laws	36%
◆ Transboundary Impacts	30%

2. Participants

A. Participants Come From...

◆ One or More State Agencies	68%
◆ One or More Local Governments	66%
◆ One or More Federal Agencies	62%
◆ NRCS	50%
◆ Forest Service	48%
◆ BLM	38%
◆ Bureau of Reclamation	34%
◆ EPA	34%
◆ Fish & Wildlife Service	34%
◆ USGS	30%
◆ Corps of Engineers	14%
◆ National Park Service	12%
◆ Other Federal Agencies	10%
◆ One or More Water Districts/Organizations	52%
◆ One or More Academics or Citizens	48%
◆ One or More Environmental Organizations	42%
◆ Other Non-Governmental Organizations	34%
◆ Others	34%
◆ Tribes	22%

3. Resources Available to Western Watershed Groups

A. What is Your Annual Budget?

- ◆ More than \$75,000 24%
- ◆ Between \$20,000 and \$75,000 22%
- ◆ Less than \$20,000 4%
- ◆ No Budget 24%
- ◆ No Answer 26%

B. Do you Receive Funding or In-Kind Services from the Following Governmental Levels?:

- ◆ Federal: 50%
- ◆ Local: 44%
- ◆ State: 36%
- ◆ Other: 32%

C. Do You Have An Office?: 38%

4. Activities

A. Activities Planned or Undertaken by the Group:

◆ Resource Monitoring:	64%
◆ Development of Management Plan(s):	56%
◆ Publication of Newsletters or Brochures:	56%
◆ On-the-Ground Restoration Activities:	54%
◆ Other Educational Activities:	54%
◆ Shared Decision-Making and/or Negotiated Problem-Solving:	50%
◆ Conferences or Workshops:	44%
◆ Scientific Research:	32%
◆ Legal or Policy Research:	18%
◆ Other Activities:	8%

B. Needed Actions to Achieve Further Success:

◆ Voluntary behavioral changes by locals:	76%
◆ Generation of increased public awareness:	74%
◆ On-the-ground landscape modifications:	66%
◆ Generation of additional technical data/knowledge:	64%
◆ Reallocation of agency resources and priorities:	44%
◆ Substantial modification of land-use practices:	34%
◆ Changes in federal or state law:	24%
◆ Substantial modification in water allocation:	18%
◆ Modified operation of existing facilities:	16%
◆ Other:	12%

5. Perceived Levels of Success

A. How Successful Has Your Group Been in Addressing the Natural Resource Problems of Greatest Concern?

- ◆ Very Successful 18%
- ◆ Moderately Successful 62%
- ◆ Relatively Unsuccessful 12%
- ◆ Total Failure 0%
- ◆ No Answer (& rounding error): 8%

B. For Those Answering “Very Successful” or “Moderately Successful,” What Evidence Is Available to Support This Claim?

- ◆ Monitoring Data Showing On-the-Ground Improvements 50%
- ◆ Most Participants Believe the Problem is Being Solved 27%
- ◆ The Level of Success is Greater than that Possible Through Other Problem-Solving Approaches 38%