

## **Visioning Discussion 2017 January Workshop**

### What is unique about the T-Stan IRWMA?

“Collaborative spirit, broad focus, partnership, informative, displays deep concern for watersheds, opportunity to work across district lines to integrate projects, astonishing accomplishment given past history, range of interests are represented, none of the largest water users are involved, high value in regional partnership, non-district members provide an “outside” eye for projects, high value from committee work, benefits from the collective body of knowledge, and minimized impacts of jurisdictional boundaries.”

### Is there something different about T-Stan sponsored projects?

“Broad expertise used to develop projects, inside expertise vs. hiring consultants, consensus produces more powerful projects, developed by internal motivation rather than from paid consultants, look at regional benefits, committee helps write proposals to include some who are not even project proponents, multiple input and conversations, projects part of a package addressing guidelines, in-kind contributions are used, projects are thoroughly vetted, critiques are offered, and there is a level playing field for input, opportunity to support others’ projects, and there is a shared sense of accomplishment.”

### What would a successful, productive T-Stan look like in another ten years, regardless of how projects are funded?

- Heightened awareness of downstream user customer base of the benefits to them of projects in the watershed
- Watershed has more influence and communications on behalf of the watershed are increased
- Increased awareness of state funding agencies of the benefit of partnering with the IRWMA
- Dovetail with needs highlighted through SGMA while increasing local beneficial use
- Increased collaboration with Mountain Counties Water Resource Association
- Expanded list of funded projects
- Participation by water agencies not currently engaged
- Productive relationships supporting issues such as FERC
- Integrated solutions created up front rather than trying to integrate individual solutions
- Improved cash flow
- Engagement of additional entities such as Highway 108 Fire Council
- Closer relationship with funding agencies