

9 LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Implementing this plan for the next ten years will be challenging. Clearly, the number one hope for implementing the greatest number of recommendations having the greatest impact is that a growing group of individuals commit to improving the watershed. It is only by commitment that setbacks, slow progress or negating circumstances outside anyone's control can be worked through to find later success. The other key factor for successful implementation in this watershed is attracting resources. The term 'resources' means money, personnel, research, partnerships, etc. that accrue to the effort to improve the watershed. Support attracts other support. Stakeholder organizations in the watershed should be working to understand grant/resource opportunities and taking advantage of them as they arise.

In the same manner that the SSLD WMP was led by a steering committee, plan implementation should also be driven by an oversight group that can help act as a clearing house for watershed-wide, local and regional initiatives. Existing groups should partner together in the umbrella implementation committee to foster working relationships and make the most efficient use of group resources to attract outside assistance.

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