WHAT SHOULD BE THE ROLE OF REGIONAL WATER PLANNING?

	essential	important	not important	exclude
Provide a vision for the future				
Gather and publish data on supply and demand				
Provide regular updates of water supply and demand data				
Identify critical and emerging issues				
Create a balanced water budget				
Identify renewable sources of water to reduce groundwater depletion				
Protect regional water interests				
Protect the watershed				
Prioritize uses to serve public welfare				
Prioritize uses to serve economic development				
Evaluate the long-term impacts of development plans				
Require local land use plans to be consistent with regional water plans				
Provide a basis for collaboration with neighboring regions				
Provide a foundation for the state water plan				
Serve as guidance to the State Engineer when considering public welfare				
Require the State Engineer to consider regional definition of public welfare				
Provide a legal basis for contesting decisions of planning authorities				