

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Hybrid meeting; remote hosting by YSGA

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Solano	✓	Max Stevenson, SCWA	✓	Drew Gantner, SCWA
Napa	✓	Chris Silke, NC Flood Control District		Richard Thomasser, NC Flood District
Yolo	✓	Sarah Leicht, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency	✓	Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County Sabrina Snyder, Yolo County
Lake		Marina Deligiannis, Lake County Watershed Protection District	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Dept.

Others present: Yolanda Garibay, Lake County Special Districts; Ryan Fulton, LWA; Celia Taylor, City of Woodland; Joe Yun, California Water Commission; Daniella Santana Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake; Nathan Fisher, YSGA & YCFCD; Kate Reza, WS IRWM Administrative Coordinator

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM and participants introduced themselves.
2. ***Approve Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve Today’s Agenda** **To add an item to the agenda, see note below
 - b. **Approve Minutes from the May 10, 2023 meeting**
 - c. **YCRCD Financial Update** – Reza
 - d. **Coordinating Committee Financial Report** – SCWA

Stevenson: motion to approve consent agenda, Leicht, second; Silke: Y, Stevenson: Y, DePalma-Dow: Y, Leicht: Y. Consent agenda approved.

3. * Public Comment:**

No public comment.

4. Overview of the California Water Commission – Joe Yun, CWC

Mr. Yun gave an overview of the California Water Commission using the attached presentation. He answered questions following the presentation.

5. DWR Update – Siltanen

Mr. Siltanen went through the update provided in the agenda packet, paying special attention to the highlighted sections.

6. Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project update – Ryan Fulton, LWA

Mr. Fulton gave an update on the Dunnigan project using the slides provided in the agenda packet.

7. Small Grants Recipient Updates

- a. **YCFCD&WCD** – Nathan Fisher gave a project update using slides provided in the agenda packet.
- b. **Lake County WRC** – Angela De Palma-Dow – Symposium dates are set, agenda topics are being considered, and outreach is being conducted (sample attached). Pre-symposium finding meetings have been set for experts and agency representatives and recordings will be available at the symposium. More information will be provided at the next IRWM meeting.
- c. **City of Winters and Putah Creek Club** – Kate Reza – The Putah Creek Club is active in the spring and will be using the funds for a picnic in May. The City of Winters has ordered the trees and plants and will be installing them in the fall.

8. *Consideration of corrected WS IRWM CC 2023/24 meeting schedule

Stevenson: motion to approve the 2023/24 WS IRWM CC meeting schedule, Leicht: second; Silke: Y, Stevenson: Y, DePalma-Dow: Y, Leicht: Y. Meeting schedule approved.



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9. Project update – 2 RWMG projects – Reza (5 min)

After discussion, the CC decided to keep this item on the agenda. Each CC member will go back to their county to find out how each county is addressing the topics presented in each project. The projects are: #134, Climate Change Adaptation Study, and #143, Regional Capital Improvement Plan. The CC will decide at the November meeting whether to schedule presentations from each county about their activities relevant to the projects.

10. *Consideration of LOS for Dunnigan, Colusa County WD, and RD108 application to USBor WaterSMART grant – Ryan Fulton, LWA (5 min)

DePalma-Dow: motion to approve the chair signing the letter of support for Dunnigan WD to the USBor WaterSMART grant, Second: Stevenson; Silke: Y, Stevenson: Y, DePalma-Dow: Y, Leicht: Y. Letter of support for Dunnigan WD approved.

Addition: Added YSGA to this consideration.

Stevenson: Motion to approve a similar letter of support to USBor WaterSMART grant for YSGA project, Second: Silke; Silke: Y, Stevenson: Y, DePalma-Dow: Y, Leicht: Y. Letter of support for YSGA approved.

11. Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable – All (15 min)

Napa – shift from drought to flood management – reservoir levels good, now focusing on the flood project on the valley floor because El Niño conditions are forthcoming. Working on 25-yr renewal for Berryessa supply. Water is abundant and quality is not as bad, algae blooms are spotty, but not as prevalent as in previous years.

Solano – Lake Berryessa is the main supply and is full, it has only dropped to 1.25 af in storage, which is a four to five-year supply. Salmon come up Putah Creek starting in October, they won't have immediate access to spawning grounds because of check dams, but will have those removed and send out a false flow to attract salmon. There will be a salmon festival to celebrate the return in November.

Yolo – not much to report, surface water supply is still good. Both reservoirs are about half full, and will have extra going into next season. GW levels are starting to recover. YSGA and the county are still working with areas of special (groundwater) concern; it is an ongoing process. Ramping up for winter.

Lake – The lake level was at a high of 8.18 in spring and is now at 3.11 on Rumsey gauge. With harvests starting, there is more flow in creeks. Clearlake had funky algae blooms in June that were bright blue, teal, and white, in areas where they don't usually occur, then disappeared in a week.

There is an SWRCB draft emergency water information order asking for any information for water users, water diversions, well locations, timing of diversions or extractions, etc. relevant to Clearlake Hitch. These are draft regulations, the first stage of the draft requirement for regulations. The state wants to make sure people with riparian rights are registered and want to ensure compliance. This is on a fast track because Clearlake Hitch is on the endangered species listing pathway. The notice of opportunity for public comment and draft emergency information order regulations are attached as part of this minutes packet.

12. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates – All (10 min)

Silke – There is a statewide initiative to lower per capita water use; there will be a big push for cities and medium-sized systems to ensure their metered use will abide by certain guidelines. This is going to be a challenge for water suppliers going forward. Pay attention, this is working its way through state planning right now.

DePalma-Dow – Lake County has drafted a response plan for mussel invasion – to be able to keep the lake open if invasive mussels are found in it. The containment plan is available: <https://www.clearlakemusselprevention.org/qz-containment-transition-plan>
<https://www.clearlakemusselprevention.org/>

13. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 10:00 am, hosted by Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

14. Adjourn

12:01 PM

Respectfully submitted, K Reza, Yolo County RCD

Approved by Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee ^{data}

Chris Silke, Chair Christopher Silke Date 11/8/23



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Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee Meeting

September 13, 2023

Joe Yun
Executive Officer

California 
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California Water Commission History

1945: California Legislature establishes the State Water Resources Board, the predecessor of the modern California Water Commission.

1967: The Commission is charged with many of the statutory duties that remain today.

Late 1990s: All Commission appointments expire, and the Commission is left vacant until 2010.

2010: Governor Schwarzenegger announces nine appointments to the Commission.





Roles and Responsibilities

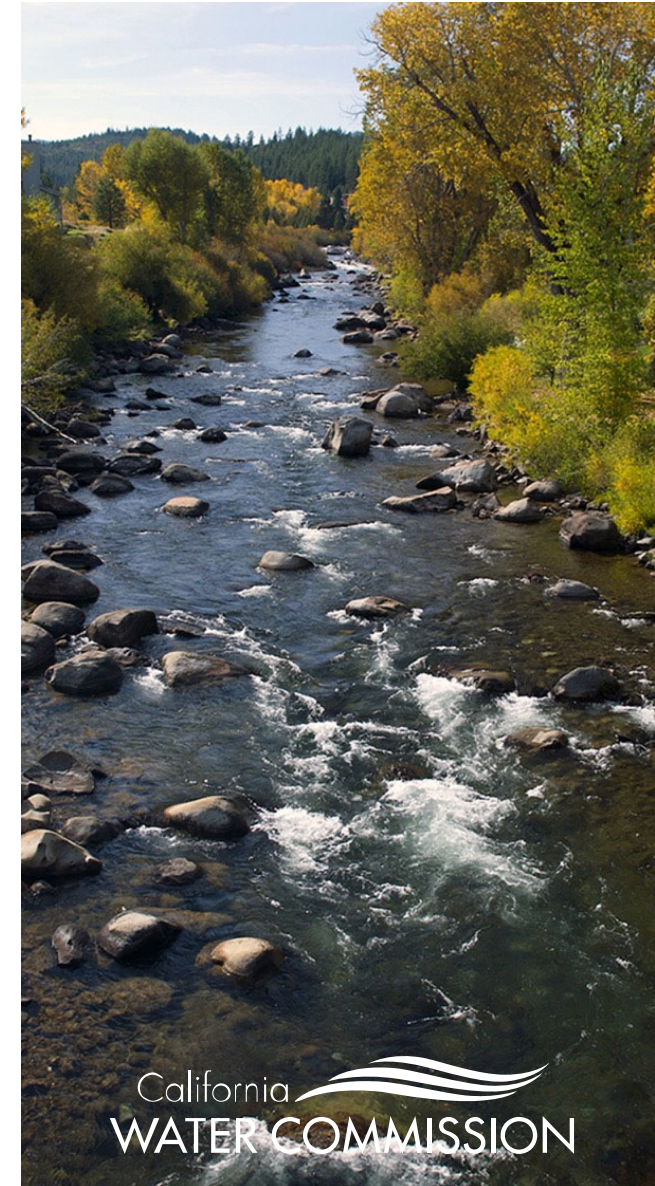
- Provides a public forum for discussing water issues.
- Monitors the State Water Project and makes recommendations to DWR & Legislature.
- Advises the Department of Water Resources and approves DWR rules and regulations.
- Adopts resolutions of necessity for DWR eminent domain proceedings.
- Tasked with allocating \$2.7 billion from Proposition 1 for the public benefits associated with new water storage projects.

Vision

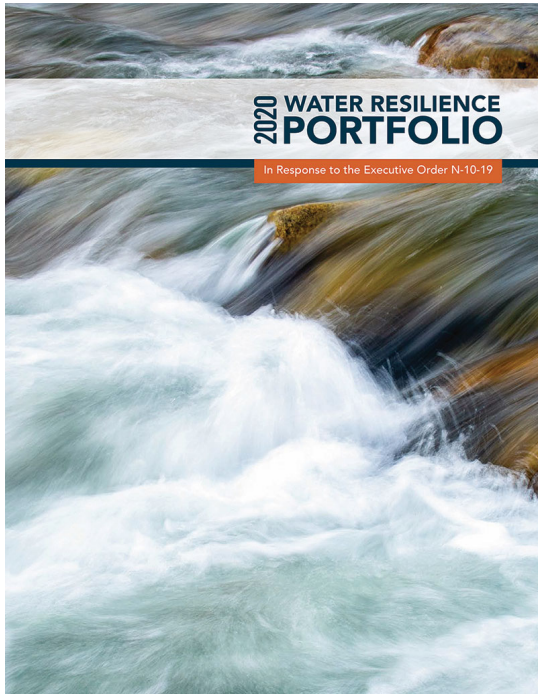
To promote smart water policy today for a sustainable California tomorrow

Mission

Using its public forum, the California Water Commission explores water management issues from multiple perspectives and formulates recommendations to advise the Department of Water Resources, and as appropriate, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Governor, and the Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology.

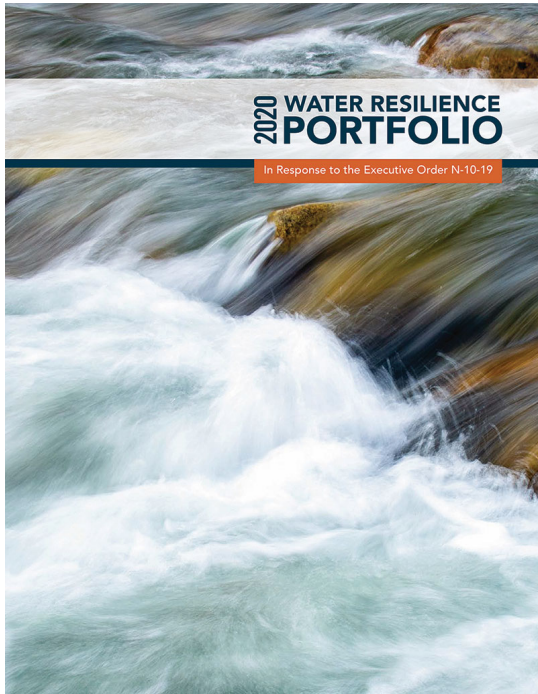


Water Resilience Portfolio Actions



- **Action 19.4:** Assess a state role in financing conveyance projects that could help meet needs in a changing climate.
- **Action 3.6:** Create flexibility for groundwater sustainability agencies to trade water within basins by enabling and incentivizing transactional approaches, including groundwater markets, with rules that safeguard natural resources, small- and medium-size farms, and water supply and quality for disadvantaged communities.
- **Action 26.3:** Develop strategies to protect communities and fish and wildlife in the event of drought lasting at least six years.

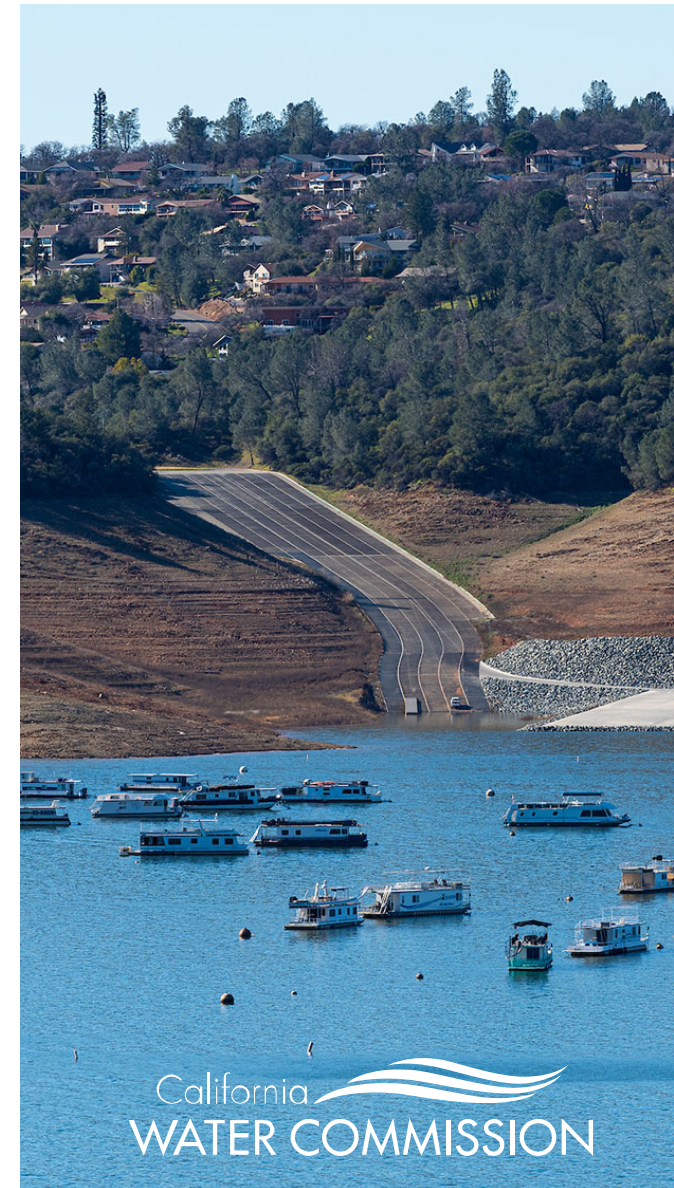
Water Resilience Portfolio Actions



- **Action 19.4: Conveyance** – released June 2021
 - **Informed \$200M State investment in conveyance**
- **Action 3.6: Groundwater Trading** – released May 2022
 - **Basis of requests for additional capacity and expertise; \$900K to DWR in 2023-24 budget**
- **Action 26.3: Drought Strategies** – draft out in Oct. 2023
 - **Intended to inform drought policies and investments**

Action 26.3: Drought Strategies

- **Research** (Spring to Fall 2022)
 - Explored how long-term drought has been managed elsewhere, including other countries.
 - Six Expert Panels at Commission meetings.
- **Outreach** (Fall 2022 through Summer 2023)
 - Sought input from Tribes.
 - Assembled a working group.
 - Held three public workshops and survey.
 - 20 external presentations.
- **Record** (Fall 2023)
 - Develop White Paper using information gathered.



Action 26.3: Drought Strategies



AWRA Impact Magazine two editions

- January/February
 - 13 Articles
 - Open Access

[https://www.awra.org/ItemDetail?
iProductCode=IMPACT_01_23](https://www.awra.org/ItemDetail?iProductCode=IMPACT_01_23)

- March/April
 - 12 Articles

Preliminary Drought Strategies

1. **Scale Up Groundwater Recharge**
2. **Conduct Watershed-level Planning to Reduce Ecosystem Impacts of Drought**
3. **Better Position Communities to Respond to Drought Emergencies**
4. **Increase Capacity and Information Needed to Manage Drought**



Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP)

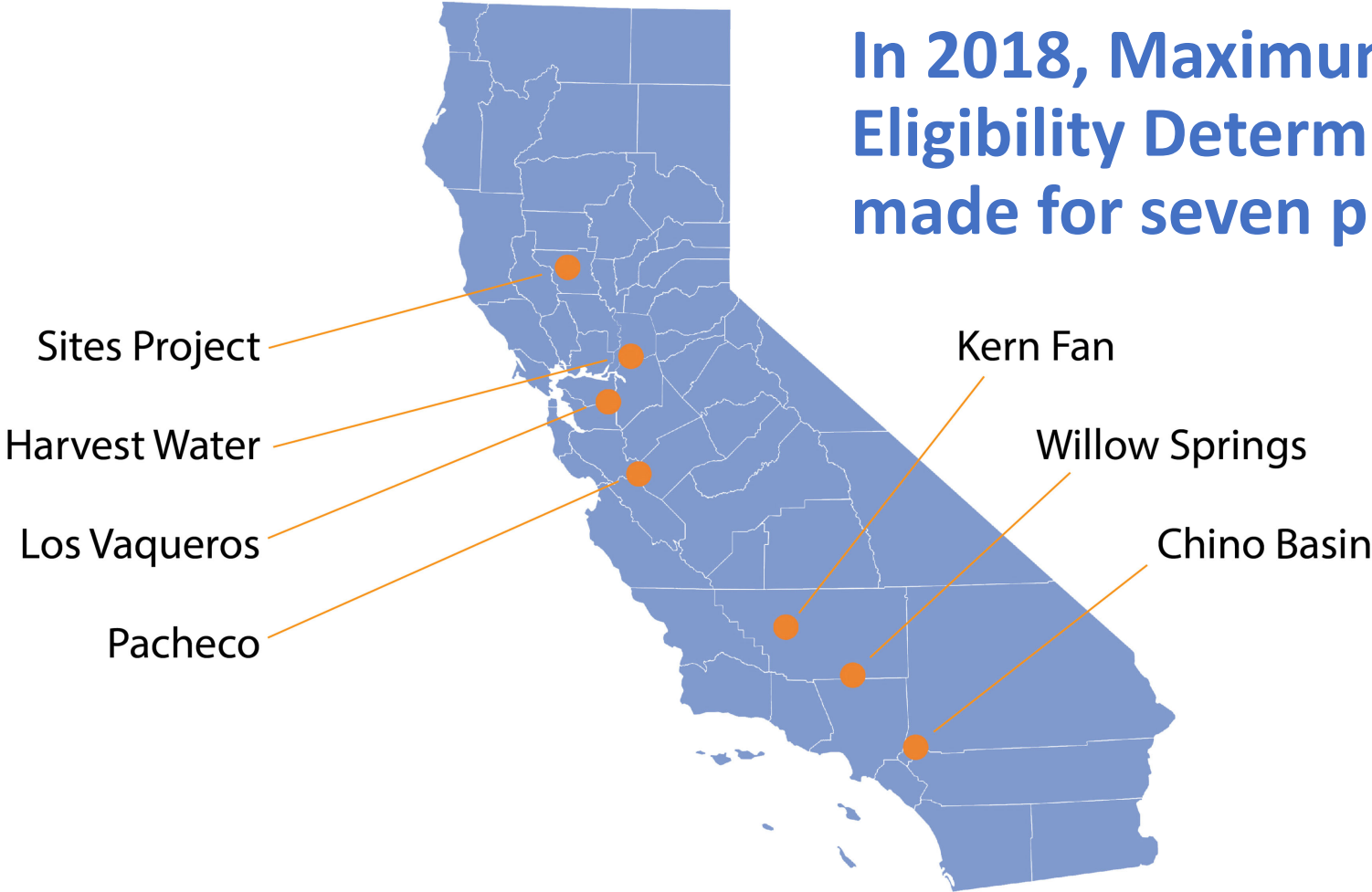
WSIP represents a paradigm shift in how storage projects are funded. The Commission will allocate \$2.7 billion through the WSIP, which will fund projects based on *public benefits associated with water storage projects*.

Proposition 1 defines public benefits as ...

- Ecosystem improvement
- Water quality improvement
- Flood control
- Emergency response
- Recreation



In 2018, Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determinations were made for seven projects.



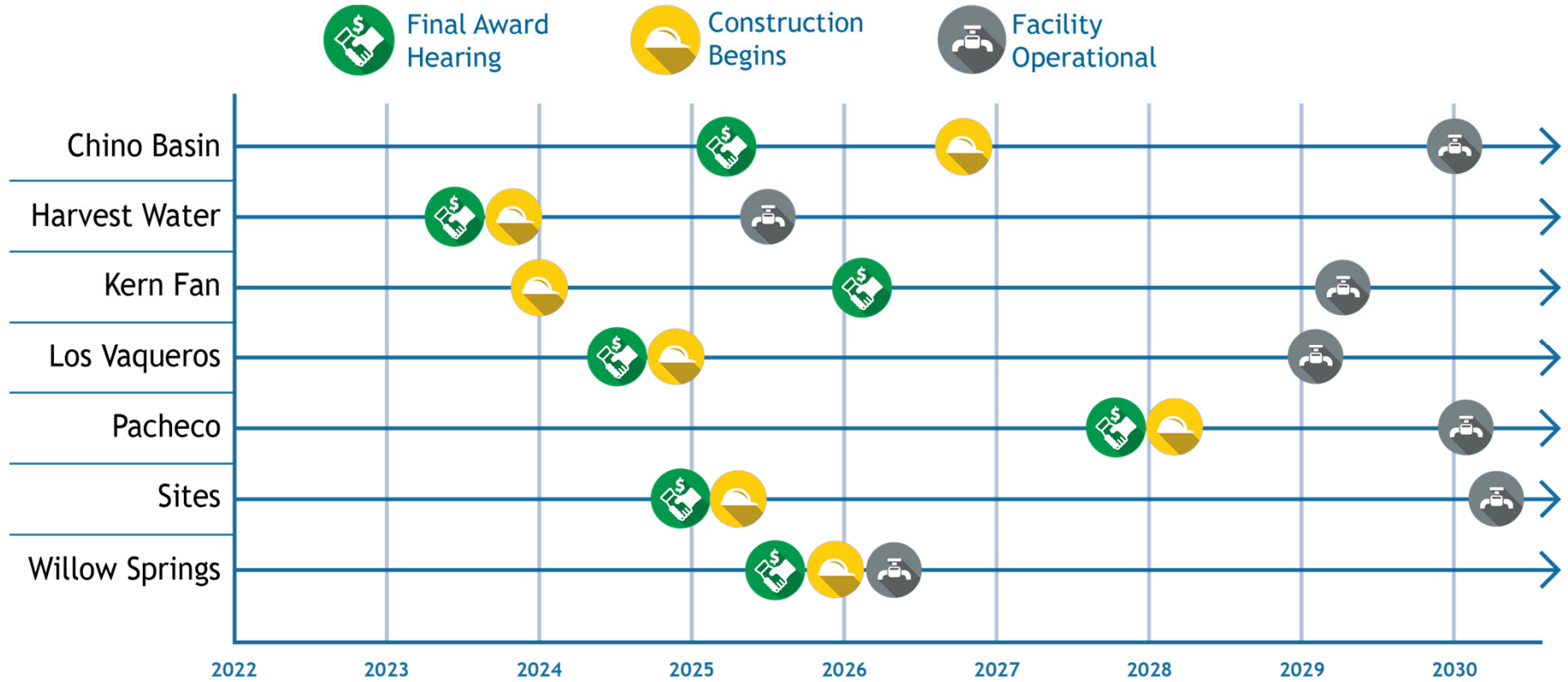
WSIP: Harvest Water Program

In June 2023, the Commission awarded the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District **\$277.5 million in Proposition 1 funds** to construct the **Harvest Water Program**, a conjunctive-use project that will supply treated wastewater to agricultural lands that also provide habitat to wildlife in southern Sacramento County.

It is the first WSIP project to complete the Proposition 1 requirements and appear before the Commission for a final award hearing.



WSIP: Projected Schedule



Participate

- Visit our website – cwc.ca.gov
- Commission meets the third Wednesday of the month
cwc.ca.gov/Meetings
 - Hybrid meetings
- Join our email list – cwc@water.ca.gov
- Follow us on social media – [@CA_WaterCom](https://twitter.com/CA_WaterCom)



Contact us

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OPEN CALL to public and private researchers, scientists, agency and Tribal staff.

Clear Lake Integrated Science Symposium August 15-16 2024

A comprehensive review of current research and management on California's largest and most ancient lake, and its surrounding watershed and tributaries.

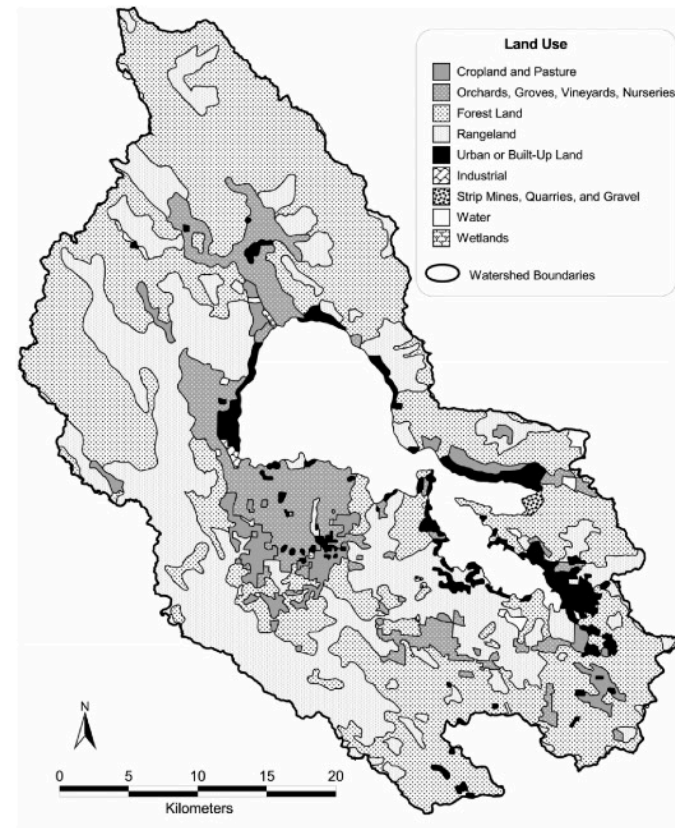
Pre-Symposium Preliminary Findings Meetings will occur on:

Thursday, November 16, 2023 (in-person and Zoom)

Thursday, April 11, 2024 (in-person and Zoom)

Symposium goals include (but are not limited to):

- Aggregating and comparing data on lake, tributary, and watershed water monitoring, aquatic and riparian restoration and mitigation efforts, HAB and invasive species detection and management, and conservation of endemic and culturally significant species.
- Identifying critical research needs and developing collaborative approaches to reproduce and information sharing to collectively address knowledge, data, and management gaps.
- Heightening the scientific awareness and literacy of Lake County residents and community leaders.



1998 Land Use Map of Clear Lake Watershed from Suchanek et al 2002

Tribal, student, practitioner, and early career researchers can apply for financial support to present their work at the 2023-2024 pre-symposium meetings and/or the 2024 symposium.

To RSVP register at: <https://bit.ly/CLISS2024>



Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed

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In Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 2, Article 24, adopt sections [NUMBER], to read:

§ [NUMBER] Definitions

- (a) “Clear Lake Watershed” refers to the collective area within the Middle Creek (1802011602), Scotts Creek (1802011601), Kelsey Creek-Clear Lake (1802011603), and Upper Cache Creek (1802011606) watersheds as defined by the National Watershed Boundary Dataset 10-digit Hydrologic Unit Codes.

§ [NUMBER] Information Orders

- (a) The Deputy Director, or delegee, may issue an order to any water right holder or water user to provide information related to water diversion, extraction, or use in the Clear Lake watershed, including but not limited to groundwater well location and depth, beneficial uses of diverted or extracted water, place of use of diverted or extracted water, volume and timing of diversions or extractions, the basis of right with supporting documents or other evidence, parcel information, or any other information relevant to the Board’s Clear Lake hitch protection efforts. Orders may require reporting of diversions or extractions made in prior months and diversions or extractions anticipated during subsequent months. Orders may require submission of information on a repeated or ongoing basis.
- (b) Any water right holder or water user receiving an order under subdivision (a) of this section must provide the requested information within the deadlines specified in the order, including any recurring deadlines associated with ongoing reporting requirements as applicable. The Deputy Director or delegee may grant additional time for submission of information upon substantial compliance with the specified deadline and a showing of good cause. Information provided pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall be submitted in an online form maintained by the State Water Board and accessible through its website, or through an alternative reporting mechanism as specified by the Deputy Director or delegee.
- (c) Failure to provide the information required under subdivision (a) of this section within the deadlines specified in the order or any time extension granted by the Deputy Director or delegee is a violation subject to civil liability of up to the maximum allowed by statute per day for each day the violation continues pursuant to Water Code section 1846.
- (d) In determining whether to impose reporting requirements under subdivision (a) of this section, the Deputy Director will consider the need for the information and the burden of producing it and will make reasonable efforts to avoid requiring duplicative reporting of information that is already in the State Water Board's possession.
- (e) All orders issued under subdivision (a) of this section will be subject to

reconsideration under article 2 (commencing with section 1122) of chapter 4 of part 1 of division 2 of the California Water Code.

- (f) Compliance with this article, including any conditions of certification or approval of a petition under this article, shall constitute a condition of all water right permits, licenses, certificates, and registrations for diversions from any watershed identified in this article.
- (g) Authorities delegated to the Deputy Director under this article may be redelegated.

Authority: Sections 1058, 1058.5, Water Code

Reference: Cal. Const., Art. X, § 2; Sections 7, 100, 186, 187, 275, 348, 1051, 1052, 1055, 1058.5, 1253, 1825, 1831, 1841, 1846, Water Code; Sections 1822.50 et al., California Code of Civil Procedure; National Audubon Society v. Superior Court (1983) 33 Cal.3d 419; Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board (2018) 26 Cal.App.5th 844.

§ [NUMBER] Compliance and Enforcement

- (a) A water right holder or water user must comply with an order issued under this article, all conditions of certification or approval of a petition under this article, and all water right conditions under this article, notwithstanding receipt of more than one order. To the extent of any conflict between applicable requirements, the diverter must comply with the requirements that are the most stringent.
- (b) When conducting an inspection to assess a water user's compliance with this article, the State Water Board may obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 13 (commencing with Section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure where access is not granted by the property owner.
- (c) Failure to meet the requirements of this article or of any order issued there under constitutes a violation subject to civil liability pursuant to Water Code section 1846, and an infraction pursuant to Water Code section 1058.5, subdivision (d), each of which can carry a fine of up to the maximum allowed by statute for each day in which the violation occurs.
- (d) Nothing in this section will be construed as limiting the enforceability of or penalties available under any other provision of law.

Authority: Sections 1058, 1058.5, Water Code

Reference: Cal. Const., Art. X, § 2; Sections 275, 1052, 1055, 1058.5, 1825, 1831, 1846, Water Code; Sections 1822.50 et al., California Code of Civil Procedure; National Audubon Society v. Superior Court (1983) 33 Cal.3d 419; Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board (2018) 26 Cal.App.5th 844.



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND STAFF WORKSHOP ON DRAFT EMERGENCY INFORMATION ORDER REGULATIONS FOR THE CLEAR LAKE WATERSHED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept written comments on proposed Draft Emergency Information Order Regulations for the Clear Lake Watershed (draft regulations).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft regulations are available online at <https://waterboards.ca.gov/clearlakehitch/>.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on October 31, 2023**. Please email written comments to ClearLakeHitch@waterboards.ca.gov with the subject “**Clear Lake Emergency Regulation Comments**”.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will hold the following public workshops to receive input and answer questions on the draft regulations.

In-Person Participation Only

Thursday, October 19, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. (PDT)
Lake County Board of Supervisors Chambers
255 N Forbes St # 109
Lakeport, CA 95453

A quorum of State Water Board members may be present, but no action will be taken.

Remote Participation Only

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. (PDT)
Online via Zoom

Registration is required.

Please register at bit.ly/CLH_Oct24 to receive participation instructions.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PURPOSE OF DRAFT REGULATIONS

The draft regulations would allow the State Water Board to gather information on water use from water right holders or water users in the Clear Lake watershed – including groundwater users. Information may include groundwater well location and depth, extraction rates or volumes, timing and frequency of extractions, beneficial uses, and other information relevant to the State Water Board’s Clear Lake hitch protection efforts. The draft regulations also include an alternative reporting mechanism that could allow for modified reporting requirements for water users who participate in key voluntary actions.

BACKGROUND

The Clear Lake hitch is a large minnow found only in Clear Lake and its tributaries. The hitch population has been declining for some time, but recent drought exacerbated conditions. Of particular concern is the amount of water flowing through Clear Lake creeks from February through June for hitch spawning and rearing.

In March 2023, Governor Newsom issued [Executive Order N-5-23](#), which directed the State Water Board to evaluate minimum instream flows, work with water users and Tribes on voluntary actions, and consider emergency regulations to protect the Clear Lake hitch.

Based on current available data, it is possible that groundwater pumping in the Clear Lake watershed may be impacting creek flows, but additional data is needed to better understand the groundwater-surface water relationship and potential solutions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information regarding the Clear Lake hitch emergency, visit the [Clear Lake hitch webpage](#). To receive updates, please subscribe to the Clear Lake hitch email list at the bottom of the webpage.

CONTACT

If you have questions regarding this notice or related efforts, please email ClearLakeHitch@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 5, 2023

Date



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board