

## Notice of Public Meeting

### COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: To be hosted remotely by Solano County with in-person attendance options at each agency – [meeting access information at end of agenda](#)

#### AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions – Silke
2. \*Approve Consent Agenda – Silke
  - a. Approve Today's Agenda \*\*To add an item to the agenda, see note below
  - b. Approve Minutes from the November 8, 2023 meeting
  - c. YCRCD Financial Update – Reza
  - d. Coordinating Committee Financial Report – SCWA
3. \*\*\* Public Comment: This is time reserved for the public to address the Coordinating Committee on matters not on the agenda
4. [American Iron and Steel Requirement Overview \(AIS\)](#) – Michael Starinsky, USDA
5. Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project update – Ryan Fulton, LWA
6. DWR Update – Siltanen
7. Lake County Special Districts IRWM projects update – Yolanda Garibay
8. \*Consideration of Letter of Support for LCSD Spring Valley Lake project – Yolanda Garibay
9. Small Grants Recipient Updates
  - a. Lake County WRC – Angela De Palma-Dow
  - b. City of Winters – Reza
  - c. Putah Creek Council – Reza
10. Changes to the state QA Mussel grant – Angela DePalma-Dow and all
11. Pre-end-of-year Workplan Review & prep for 24/25 Workplan – All – opportunity to review the 23-24 workplan and prioritize tasks for Admin. Coordinator and CC members as appropriate and consider potential changes for the 24/25 Workplan.
12. Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable – All
13. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates – All
14. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:00 am, hosted by Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.



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## 15. Adjourn

\*Indicates Action Item

\*\* Consideration of items not on the posted agenda: items must fit one of the following categories: 1) a majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or 2) a three-fourths vote by Coordinating Committee members present that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.

\*\*\* Members of the public may address any subject that is not otherwise on the agenda during Public Comment. Reasonable time limits will be imposed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing was posted prior to 10 am on January 5, 2024, on the door of the offices of the Lake County Water Resources Dept., Napa County Flood Control, Solano County Water Agency, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Yolo County Resource Conservation District.

Christopher Silke, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87098257943?pwd=z4CXQ3dAkXW1Tlbl7tgLC0o5qKp4ff.1>

Meeting ID: 870 9825 7943

Passcode: 598469

### IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATIONS

#### Lake County

Lake County Superior Courthouse, Conference Room C  
255 N. Forbes St  
Lakeport CA, 95453  
Questions on access: 707-263-2344

#### Napa County

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Office  
River Room  
804 First Street,  
Napa, CA 94558

#### Solano County

Solano County Water Agency  
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203  
Vacaville, CA 95688

#### Yolo County

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District  
34274 State Hwy 16  
Woodland, CA 95695



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**COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024      **Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Location:** Hybrid meeting; remote hosting by Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

**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	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Dept.	✓	Mitchell Breedlove, Lake County Water Resources Dept.

**Others present:** Celia Taylor, City of Woodland; Kate Reza, WS IRWM Administrative Coordinator; Alyssa Gordon, Hidden Valley Lake CSD; Ryan Fulton, LWA, Matti Siltanen, DWR; Cathy Hickinbotham, concerned citizen, Scott Harter, Lake County Special Districts

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions 10:04 AM**  
Introductions

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- b. **Approve Minutes from the November 8, 2023**
- c. **YCRCD Financial Update**
- d. **Coordinating Committee Financial Report**

Motion to approve consent agenda: DePalma-Dow; second: Snyder; Roll call: Gantner: y; Silke: y; Snyder: y; DePalma-Dow: y. Approved.

**3. \*\*\* Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**4. Lake Berryessa Mussel Prevention Program – Drew Gantner, SCWA**

Mr. Gantner provided information about the program using the attached slides.

**5. DWR Update – Siltanen, DWR**

Mr. Siltanen reviewed the DWR update in the agenda packet, paying special attention to the highlighted sections.

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

From July through December, the project recharged about 1,800 af, for a total of about 3,600 af. More recharge to begin in February. The district applied for a 180-day temporary permit, which has been reviewed by SWRCB and DFW, and should hear about it soon. If approved, they can begin water capture as rain occurs. Section 215 permits are no longer offered, making the temporary permit (diversion flow cap of 5,000 af) very important. The district is no longer under contract with Sierra Institute, now contracting directly with DWR. The Sierra contract was terminated effective August and a new contract was signed with DWR.

Mr. Fulton provided a live demonstration of the DWD stakeholder data portal. link to Dunnigan Water District's permit application: [DocumentRetriever.jsp \(ca.gov\)](http://DocumentRetriever.jsp(ca.gov))



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## 7. Small Grants Recipient Updates

- a. **Lake County WRC** – Angela De Palma-Dow – Clearlake Integrated Science Symposium – fundraising - \$40K goal; hired an event planner who will do outreach marketing; website: [www.lakecountyca.gov/1662/Clear-Lake-Integrated-Science-Symposium](http://www.lakecountyca.gov/1662/Clear-Lake-Integrated-Science-Symposium)
- b. **City of Winters** – the tree and sedge planting has been scheduled for 1/12/24 – see Winters Express article in agenda packet for more information.

## 8. Opportunity update – Climate Change Adaptation Planning – Reza and all

Ms. Reza issued a reminder that the update is five years old and that a WS IRWM update is due any time now, however, after checking into the updated 2019 Plan she found she was mistaken. The language in the plan reads: The Plan will be maintained as a living document under a governance structure that supports periodic updates in response to changing conditions. Plan updates will be completed as needed to benefit the Region and better position and prepare for implementation grant funding opportunities (p. 1-20, #6).

The group discussed the potential for forming a subcommittee to devote time to considering these – Mr. Silke suggests all committee members contemplate this issue and carry it onto the March agenda. Ms. DePalma-Dow suggested that the CC may want to consider re-inviting Colusa County into the WS IRWM, given the Sites Reservoir project and other projects and water issues.

Mr. Silke will freshen up on the IRWM founding documents to determine the process for reincluding Colusa County. This will be an agenda item.

KR – to repackage opportunities and add language from IRWM about updates and send with minutes.

## 9. Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable – All

**Napa:** \$48M flood project expanding in Lincoln Street area of Napa River, funded by ACE, slated for 2025 construction. Mitigating effects of flood that caused extensive damage along Napa River. Water supply – on a statewide basis, 10% allocation to water contractors. Drought – nothing to report, nice steady stream of moisture this winter.

**Lake:** Work crew from Career Point doing storm recovery and levee flood protection work. Paid for by a FEMA grant. County attempted to do maintenance on outflow of Clear Lake to Cache Creek – tried to do some material removal, then the boat broke, and thanks to Yolo County FC&WCD, the job was completed.

**Hidden Valley Lake CSD:** southern Lake County, continuing grant activities, HMGP, 3<sup>rd</sup> month of construction replacing wood water tank, backup power reliability, tank replacement design, under review and water distribution reliability project – feasibility design. FLASHES project – using water at elevation to generate electricity and have firefighting capabilities. There is a bit of development, risk assessment, cost analysis (\$100M) to complete. Plan to apply to PGE for community microgrid enablement programs. Awarded LHMGP funding.

**Yolo:** ACE kicked off its study of the Sacramento River flood control system for needed improvements in flood control. Potentially increased levees and bypasses. RD1600 – Elkhorn bypass – could see major changes in the system in the next couple of years.

## 10. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates

**Yolo County:** Bay-Delta Plan staff report – are other county staff reviewing it? SCWA has proposed changes; Yolo County hasn't formed a position and is reaching out to neighboring agencies to see what they are doing. Napa generally works with Solano County Water Agency and will continue to do so. Yolo not a water contractor, but lots of properties that rely on surface water diversions, so they have an interest.

**Yolo County:** Aquatic primrose caused a lot of erosion damage in tule canal, took out a portion of a road and canal. Working on aquatic invasive management plan for the bypass. Ms. Snyder shared photos of extensive damage.

## 11. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 10:00 am, hosted by Solano County Water Agency

## 12. Adjourn at 11:55 AM

Respectfully submitted, K Reza, Yolo County RCD

Approved by Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee, [date](#)

Chris Silke, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Item 2.c.

Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordination by YCRCD Budget Overview					
Tasks	Budget				\$ Remaining
	7/1/2023	9/30/2023	12/31/2023	3/31/2024	
<b>1 MEETING FACILITATION AND SUPPORT</b>					
Labor	\$30,800.00	-\$3,575.00	-\$3,272.50	-\$1,512.50	\$22,440.00
Materials	\$1,515.00				\$1,515.00
Travel	\$629.38				\$629.38
<b>1 MEETING FACILITATION AND SUPPORT Total</b>	<b>\$32,944.38</b>	<b>-\$3,575.00</b>	<b>-\$3,272.50</b>	<b>-\$1,512.50</b>	<b>\$24,584.38</b>
Labor	\$14,300.00	-\$2,915.00	-\$3,162.50	-\$1,540.00	\$6,682.50
<b>3 DATA MANAGEMENT Total</b>	<b>\$14,300.00</b>	<b>-\$2,915.00</b>	<b>-\$3,162.50</b>	<b>-\$1,540.00</b>	<b>\$6,682.50</b>
<b>4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC</b>					
Labor	\$14,300.00	-\$4,042.50	-\$3,217.50	-\$1,237.50	\$5,802.50
Travel	\$174.38				\$174.38
<b>4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC Total</b>	<b>\$14,474.38</b>	<b>-\$4,042.50</b>	<b>-\$3,217.50</b>	<b>-\$1,237.50</b>	<b>\$5,976.88</b>
<b>5 ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Administration	\$527.81	-\$45.00	-\$45.00	-\$30.00	\$407.81
<b>5 ADMINISTRATION Total</b>	<b>\$527.81</b>	<b>-\$45.00</b>	<b>-\$45.00</b>	<b>-\$30.00</b>	<b>\$407.81</b>
<b>\$ Remaining</b>	<b>\$78,366.57</b>	<b>-\$12,995.00</b>	<b>-\$11,565.00</b>	<b>-\$5,097.50</b>	<b>\$48,709.07</b>



	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024	Total
<b>Contributions</b>												
Solano County Water Agency			\$60,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$227,500.00
Lake County Water Resources	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$227,500.00
Napa County Public Works	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$227,500.00
Water Resources Assoc of Yolo County	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$227,500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$86,000.00</b>	<b>\$86,000.00</b>	<b>\$86,000.00</b>	<b>\$86,000.00</b>	<b>\$86,000.00</b>	<b>\$910,000.00</b>
Rollover Amount		\$48,688.36	\$75,481.54	\$134,881.41	\$105,454.96	\$45,558.56	\$46,543.66	\$72,437.46	\$90,096.83	\$111,419.39	\$111,591.68	
<b>Total Income Available</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$108,688.36</b>	<b>\$195,481.54</b>	<b>\$214,881.41</b>	<b>\$185,454.96</b>	<b>\$125,558.56</b>	<b>\$132,543.66</b>	<b>\$158,437.46</b>	<b>\$176,096.83</b>	<b>\$197,419.39</b>	<b>\$197,591.68</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>												
Bank of the West				\$69.99								\$69.99
Cache Creek Conservancy				\$9,490.34								\$9,490.34
City of Winters			\$12,000.00									\$12,000.00
Dept of Water Resources					-\$11,780.62							-\$11,780.62
Government Contract Registration		\$600.00										\$600.00
Kennedy/Jenks					\$54,578.75	\$8,716.25						\$63,295.00
Lake County RCD				\$11,505.40	\$1,564.46	\$2,722.15						\$15,792.01
Lake County Water Protection					\$18,172.00	\$1,206.07						\$19,378.07
McCord Environmental		\$8,360.00						\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			\$18,360.00
Putah Creek Council				\$2,500.00	\$11,039.14						\$1,081.25	\$14,620.39
Santa Ana Watershed Project							\$1,549.38	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$6,049.38
Solano County RCD				\$12,500.00								\$12,500.00
The Printer							\$3,443.09					\$3,443.09
Yolo County Flood Control				\$11,780.62							\$2,282.38	\$14,063.00
Yolo County RCD	\$11,311.64	\$24,246.82	\$48,600.13	\$61,580.10	\$66,322.67	\$66,370.43	\$56,663.11	\$61,791.25	\$79,677.44	\$62,827.71	\$29,542.50	\$568,933.80
MELANIE ELLISON											\$871.18	\$871.18
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,311.64</b>	<b>\$33,206.82</b>	<b>\$60,600.13</b>	<b>\$109,426.45</b>	<b>\$139,896.40</b>	<b>\$79,014.90</b>	<b>\$60,106.20</b>	<b>\$68,340.63</b>	<b>\$86,177.44</b>	<b>\$64,327.71</b>	<b>\$35,277.31</b>	<b>\$747,685.63</b>
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$48,688.36</b>	<b>\$75,481.54</b>	<b>\$134,881.41</b>	<b>\$105,454.96</b>	<b>\$45,558.56</b>	<b>\$46,543.66</b>	<b>\$72,437.46</b>	<b>\$90,096.83</b>	<b>\$89,919.39</b>	<b>\$133,091.68</b>	<b>\$162,314.38</b>	<b>\$162,314.38</b>



## March 2024 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

### Grants

#### California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit [grants.ca.gov](https://grants.ca.gov) to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

**SB552: DWR's County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance** for state small water system and domestic wells **DWR will provide financial or direct technical assistance to counties (up to \$125,000)** for developing their County Drought Resilience Plan per SB 552 to provide needed water shortage protection and emergency response for state small water systems and domestic wells. [Applications and additional information can also be found here.](#) For questions, email CountyDRP@water.ca.gov or call Julie Ekstrom at 916-612-4371. Applications for financial assistance are closed, but **applications for technical assistance are open until May 2024 for direct.**

#### **DWR's Underrepresented Communities Technical Assistance Program**

The mission of the Program is to determine the needs, risks, and vulnerabilities with the implementation of the SGMA for underrepresented communities and small farms in medium and high priority basins, including critically overdrafted (COD) basins. The types of services provided include, but are not limited to: Groundwater level monitoring; Aquifer testing to determine long-term yield and supply; Identifying Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs); Analyze well interference; Identifying additional water supply; Analyze existing well condition using downhole video log; Rehabilitation of water storage tank; Long-term water supply and demand analysis; Analyze and help to facilitate water transfers. [More information is available on the webpage.](#) **Local entities can request services by emailing [SGM\\_TA@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGM_TA@water.ca.gov).**

Other state & federal grant websites for resources that may be helpful are:

- California Financing Coordinating Committee -- <https://cfcc.ca.gov/>, and
- CalOES grants -- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management>
- US EPA -- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>, and
- Economic Development Administration -- <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

### Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

#### **Groundwater Awareness Week: March 10th - 16<sup>th</sup>**

DWR is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of National Groundwater Awareness Week with a series of mid-day virtual activities:

- Monday (3/11) 11 am: will kickoff with the state of groundwater management in California and introduce the week's activities. [Register here.](#)
- Tuesday (3/12) and Wednesday (3/13) will feature trainings tailored to GSAs who are working on Outreach and Engagement as they progress with SGMA implementation. [Register here](#) for Tuesday's interactive workshop focused on how GSAs can engage or re-engage with interested parties in their basin to enhance local relationships. And [register here](#) for Wednesday's training focused on how GSAs can address challenging situations and will provide tools for GSAs navigating difficult dialogue.
- Thursday (3/14) will include a presentation focused on the reporting process and expectations for GSA's submittals. [Register here.](#)
- Friday (3/15) will showcase DWR's technical assistance, datasets, and tools, wrapping up with an overview highlighting the year ahead. [Register here.](#)

#### **Governor Newsom releases new California salmon strategy**

## March 2024 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

Governor Newsom has announced [a series of actions and efforts](#) to restore California's salmon population. [California Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future: Restoring Aquatic Ecosystems in the Age of Climate Change](#) specifies six priorities, including modernizing infrastructure for salmon migration and protecting water flows in key rivers. A [fact sheet](#) summarizing the strategy has also been released.

### DWR Releases First Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water: An Introduction

To help Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) appropriately address depletions of interconnected surface water (ISW) in their Groundwater Sustainability Plans, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) today released the first in a series of three papers that will discuss the technical aspects of ISW and quantification of depletions of ISW due to pumping. These three papers will form the basis for a guidance document that DWR will publish for GSAs to consider when establishing ISW sustainable management criteria to manage depletions in their groundwater basins. Paper 1 and all subsequent ISW documents will be posted on [DWR's Best Management Practices and Guidance Documents](#) webpage under the heading of Guidance Documents.

### DWR Releases Groundwater Recharge Guidance Documents

DWR has developed an [On-Farm Recharge Methods Manual](#), [District Recharge Program Guidance](#) and [Central Valley Groundwater Recharge Incentives and Strategies](#). The On-Farm Recharge Methods Manual, a summary of strategies and challenges. This document gathers observations and lessons learned from over a decade of Sustainable Conservation working directly with growers and irrigation districts to implement on-farm recharge, including methods to enhance recharge, avoid crop health problems, manage recharge events, and minimize nutrient leaching. This document summarizes in-field practices with 10 grower case studies to provide practical information about on-farm recharge from growers to growers.

The two guidance documents will help water districts, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), and their technical consultants design and implement effective multi-benefit recharge programs and projects. These documents include a summary of necessary considerations, publicly available tools, and examples to design new or refine existing recharge and incentive programs that address the specific needs and priorities in a subbasin.

### DWR launches permit portal for Delta Conveyance Project

DWR has launched a "[permit portal](#)" to help with plans and projects for the [Delta Conveyance Project](#). The portal includes access to information and resources related to some of the more critical environmental [compliance and permitting processes](#). The new website has all relevant California Environmental Quality Act information, along with the [final environmental impact report](#). New [fact sheets](#) are available in English, Spanish and Chinese and cover topics such as soil testing, seismic resilience and project features. Several companion [videos](#) are also now available. **A Final EIR for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project was issued and approved in December of 2023.**

Now that the environmental review is complete and the project has been approved, DWR will take the next steps to pursue numerous state and federal permits or authorizations, including those required by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Delta Stewardship Council, and compliance with state and federal Endangered Species acts. DWR will also continue to develop a Community Benefits Program. The Delta Construction Authority will provide a new cost estimate and a benefit-cost analysis in mid-2024.

### Executive Order N-7-22

On March 28, 2022 Governor Newsom signed [Executive Order N-7-22](#), updated in 2023 to [EO-N-3-23](#), which **included new well permitting requirements (Action 9) as well as CEAQ exemptions and permit streamlining for FloodMAR projects (Action 13)**. The materials including a fact sheets, recording and presentation materials from the April 13th and a self-certification form for the CEQA waiver are now posted on DWR's Drought Webpage, under the 'Drought Well Permitting Requirements' and the 'CEQA Suspension on Groundwater Recharge Projects' accordion dropdowns: <https://water.ca.gov/water-basics/drought>.

California's Groundwater Live: Up-to-date data on groundwater conditions, well installations and subsidence



## March 2024 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final [California's Groundwater – Update 2020 \(Bulletin-118\)](#), containing information on the condition of the State's groundwater, DWR has also developed a companion web-based application called [California's Groundwater Live](#) (CalGW Live), leveraging the [California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Platform](#) (Open Data) to improve the access and timeliness of statewide groundwater information. The easy-to-use interface will make many of the data sets used in CalGW Update 2020 available in an interactive map format that will be updated regularly for viewing and downloading. For more information, visit the updated [California's Groundwater website](#) Contact: [CalGW@water.ca.gov](mailto:CalGW@water.ca.gov).

## SGMA & Drought

Update Your GSA and GSP Manager Point of Contact Information in DWR's SGMA Portal

If your GSA and/or GSP Plan Manager Point of Contact (POC) is not current, or you are not sure, please visit the SGMA Portal to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date. When logged in, the Portal allows edits to be made to previously submitted contact information. If you have SGMA Portal questions, please email them to: [GSPSubmittal@water.ca.gov](mailto:GSPSubmittal@water.ca.gov).

## Water commission approves white paper on drought strategies

The California Water Commission has approved a [white paper](#) outlining four strategies to protect communities, fish, and wildlife in the event of drought. The list of strategies includes a scale-up of groundwater recharge, which is seen as a key element of dealing with a hotter, drier future. Details are available in this [news release](#).

## Release of New Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation

On October 30, 2023, DWR released its [Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments](#), which provides guidance to GSAs preparing these documents under SGMA and the GSP Regulations. The Department also released a [Frequently Asked Questions and Available Resources](#) document that provides commonly asked questions and answers about Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and GSP Amendments. These resources do not create any requirements or obligations for GSAs; the information is intended to clarify the necessary content of the documents already required by SGMA and the GSP Regulations.

## Fall 2023 Groundwater Sustainability Agency Forum - Event Recording Available

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted the Fall 2023 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Forum on November 9, 2023. The theme of the event was Well Management Approaches: from Enhancing Local Understanding to Leveraging Local Coordination. A recording of the [event is now available on DWR's YouTube channel](#).

## SGMA Overview Brochure Available Online

DWR released a new SGMA Overview Brochure that provides useful information for those interested in learning more about SGMA and local groundwater management, DWR's assistance resources, and DWR's SGMA Program benefits. You can view or download the SGMA Overview Brochure in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), in both an online version and an 11-inch by 17-inch printable version ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

## DWR Releases 'Be Well Prepared' Initiative and Website

May 17, 2023, DWR released the [Be Well Prepared initiative](#). DWR is providing tools and resources to help communities that are dependent on groundwater and experiencing climate-driven weather extremes, to prepare for potential impacts to household water supplies. The Be Well Prepared initiative focuses on domestic well owners and residents that use and maintain their well. [The website includes resources and information](#) that every well owner should know and understand about: groundwater conditions, well maintenance, water quality, assistance, and additional articles, videos and resources. [A new flyer](#) from DWR provides the four initial steps for well owners to take if they think their well has gone dry. This flyer is also available in [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#).

## March 2024 DWR Updates (from DWR's North Central Region Office)

### DWR Releases 'Drinking Water Well Impacts' Guidance and 'Water Shortage Planning' Brochure

April 7, 2023: DWR released the [Considerations for Identifying and Addressing Drinking Water Well Impacts](#) guidance document and technical assistance. This guidance document supports GSAs to fully consider and appropriately address potential impacts to drinking water well users during SGMA implementation. There is an [online accompanying toolkit](#). The Department also released a brochure, called [Alignment and Coordination: Water Shortage Planning](#) for Rural Communities and Sustainable Groundwater Management. This brochure encourages voluntary collaboration between counties and GSAs as they coordinate their respective responsibilities for drought and water shortage planning efforts, for rural communities under Senate Bill 552, and the long-term sustainability goals of groundwater basins under SGMA.

### SB552: DWR's Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool

As part of its technical assistance to support SB 552 implementation, DWR developed the [Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool](#) to provide the foundational data and information statewide to counties for their water shortage risk assessment.

### Dry Well Susceptibility Map

The DWR, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, has developed an interactive mapping tool, called the Dry Well Susceptibility Tool. This tool identifies areas within groundwater basins that may be prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. State and local agencies and well owners can use this tool to anticipate where wells may go dry based on historical conditions to inform drought preparedness decision-making. To use this tool, navigate to [California's Groundwater Live website](#) and click the [Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility tab](#). A fact sheet on this tool, as well as DWR's Dry Well Reporting System, [is available here](#).

### Dry Well Reporting Site

There is a website available to [report private wells going dry](#). Information reported to this site is intended to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts on household water supplies. The data reported on this site (excluding personal identifiable information) can be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#) or downloaded on the [CNRA Atlas](#). Individuals or local agencies can report water shortages and [a list of resources are included on the webpage](#). The reporting forms are available in both English and Spanish. Local agencies can now sign up to receive notifications of any dry wells reported in their area. To sign up please email [sgmps@water.ca.gov](mailto:sgmps@water.ca.gov).

### DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the "Prop 68" tab [here](#).

- [AEM webpage](#) contains information on the how the process works, safety, schedule, data submission by GSAs, TAC, pilot study data and more. The final Data Reports, AEM data interpretations, and supporting data are available for the Central San Joaquin Valley groundwater basins (Survey Area 5) and the Northern San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sacramento Valley groundwater basins (Survey Area 6). All reports and datasets are available for download on the [California Natural Resources Agency Open Data Portal](#) and AEM data can be viewed online on the [AEM Data Viewer](#). For more information about AEM, visit the AEM Project Webpage or check out "DWR's Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Surveys: The AEM Method" video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). **Statewide AEM survey data collection is now complete.**
- [2020 Statewide Crop Mapping data](#) was released in March of 2023 and includes multi-cropping information. The [2020 final and 2021 and 2022 \(new Feb 2024\) provisional](#) datasets includes agricultural land use and urban boundaries for all 58 counties in California. The data can now be accessed at the following locations: [CA DWR Land Use Viewer](#) (viewing and downloading); [CNRA Webpage](#) (viewing and downloading); on the [SGMA Data Viewer](#) (viewing) and the [California State Geoportal](#) (viewing and downloading).
- **InSAR subsidence data is now available through Oct 1 of 2023** and can now be viewed on the [SGMA data viewer](#). The updated GIS services and data reports are also available [online](#).

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### Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

- GSA's developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation
- More information [can be found here](#). Written translation services available in 8 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum).
- DWR has a **new Verbal Interpretation service available to GSA's**. Real-time interpretive services are available to GSAs for virtual, hybrid, or in-person meetings in support of GSP implementation with the goal of engaging underrepresented communities within basins and encouraging equal access for non-fluent English speakers during the implementation of GSP's. If you are interested in learning more or receiving support from an interpretation team email [sgmps@water.ca.gov](mailto:sgmps@water.ca.gov).



March 13, 2024

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
 United States House of Representatives  
 Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support of the Community Project Funding Request for “**Spring Valley Lake Reservoir Recovery Project**”

Dear Congressman Thompson,

The Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Coordinating Committee (CC) is pleased to submit this letter in support of the County Service Area (CSA-2) Spring Valley Lake Reservoir Recovery (Project) for Community Project Funding consideration. The Community Project Funding will be used to improve local water supply reliability for a disadvantaged community with limited options for a secondary water supply.

CSA-2 currently relies solely on a single surface water supply, increasing the community’s water scarcity risk. The Project will reclaim the lake capacity to create a redundant source for drinking water. This will enhance community climate resiliency by increasing water supply reliability during shifts in weather patterns towards shorter winters, increased drought frequency, and declining groundwater levels, which threaten the water supply for domestic users, and by providing a water source for firefighting in the face of increasing severity and extent of wildfires.

This important project builds on strong resiliency-driven regional and local community efforts to enhance water supply reliability. It will ensure safe, sanitary water and wildfire readiness for households in the Spring Valley Lake Community, which is a Priority Population low-income community identified by California Climate Investments (2023).

The CC prioritized the Spring Valley Lake Reservoir Recovery Project for planning and implementation funding through California’s Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program. In recognition of its resiliency benefits, the project is also included in the Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee wholeheartedly supports this project, and we thank you for your funding consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Silke, PE  
 District Engineer – Water Resources  
 Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
 Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee Chair



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50 Oaks for Putah Creek Nature Trail  
City of Winters small grant project

Item 9.b





## Family Picnic and Canoe Tour at Lake Solano

### Final Report

Dear WS IRWM Coordinating Committee,

On Saturday, February 24, Putah Creek Club shared our joy of nature with our families during a picnic and canoe tour at Lake Solano. 10 club members, 20 of their family members, 3 Putah Creek Council naturalists, 2 Putah Creek Council Education Coordinators, and myself, a teacher at Winters Middle School, were in attendance. We enjoyed a burrito lunch, snacks, drinks, nature walks, crafts, raffle prizes and guided canoe tours.

It was a perfect, sunny 70-degree day at the lake. We saw a variety of waterfowl, including egrets, herons, and kingfishers. Many turtles were spotted basking on the logs.

The event ran very smoothly, and the kids did not want to stop paddling. I hope to make it a yearly ritual. It was a wonderful way to extend our love and appreciation of nature with families. Please enjoy the attached photos.

This event was generously funded by a grant from The Westside Regional Water Management Group. Boats were donated by Putah Creek Council.

Thank you for enabling this memorable event,  
Melanie Ellison









Teal text: accomplished so far in 2023-24

Blue text: potentially accomplished

Black text: not yet accomplished

# Annual Work Plan 2023 – 2024

## Purpose of Work Plan

The purpose of this Work Plan is to state clearly the goals, objectives and tasks the IRWM Coordinating Committee (CC) will focus on for the 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year.

## Introduction and Background

The Westside approved its first Annual Work Plan for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year and has developed an Annual Work Plan each year since then, evaluating progress each year-end. The CC maintains its foundational activities of function and governance, sustains its commitment to the grant-funded projects in progress, and will move toward a broader examination and fulfillment of Plan Objectives based on importance, urgency, and area of focus.

## Goals and Objectives for 2023-24:

### Goal 1: Seek and secure future funding sources for the completion of projects in the IRWM Plan

Objective 1: Work with the Statewide Roundtable of Regions to secure State-level operational funding for IRWM Regions throughout the State.

Task 1: Write letters in support of IRWM to legislative decision-makers upon request, as needed.

Objective 2: Work with agencies and organizations throughout the region and the State to secure funding for the planning and implementation of Projects in the IRWM Plan.

Task 1: Engage with Department of Water Resources IRWM staff and decision-makers to establish the ongoing importance of IRWM and the need for significant funding to secure safe, clean, and affordable water for residents of the Region.

Task 2: *As opportunities arise, match individual projects within the plan with specific funding opportunities by making project sponsors aware of the funding opportunities.*

Objective 3: Work with the Statewide Roundtable of Regions and other local and regional agencies and organizations as needed to strengthen connections between IRWM and Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM).



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Task 1: As opportunities arise during the development and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), emphasize the role of groundwater management as one of many components of Integrated Regional Water Management.

Task 2: Support groundwater management projects, including letters of support and their inclusion in the WS IRWM Plan.

Objective 4: Consider opportunities related to climate resiliency and the possibility of expanding the Coordinating Committee’s scope and membership to meet state preferences for regional collaboration with respect to climate adaptation and mitigation.

Task 1: Monitor funding and technical assistance opportunities to build capacity for climate change resilience planning and to implement climate resilience implementation projects.

Task 2: As specific funding opportunities arise, consider the possibility for the Westside Region to apply for climate-related planning and capacity development funds.

Goal 2: Seek solutions within the Region on drought management, stormwater management, municipal water use efficiency, and water audits.

Objective 1: Engage in Regional, action-oriented discussions on drought, stormwater, WUE, and water audits.

Task 1: Consistently schedule meeting agenda presentations and/or discussion items that address these topics.

Task 2: Explore actions taken by other IRWM Regions in the state for application in the Westside Region.

Goal 3: Coordinate with other IRWM Regions, GSP development groups, and related organizations.

Objective 1: Communicate and coordinate with neighboring IRWM Regions.

Task 1: Report coordination activities at Regular Westside IRWMP meetings.

Objective 2: Engage with local (County) SGMA Authorities.

Task 1: Participate in and support Groundwater Agency meetings and activities as appropriate.

Objective 3: Participate in the IRWM Roundtable of Regions Statewide Network.



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Task 1: Attend meetings and events as appropriate.

Task 2: Provide input to IRWM-related issues of Statewide importance.

Objective 4: Promote and offer educational activities to youth

Task 1: Foster good stewardship through youth engagement.

Goal 4: Increase focus on and funding opportunities for diverse objectives contained in the Plan.

Objective 1: Support new opportunities for Disadvantaged Community Involvement and Implementation grants as appropriate.

Task 1: Provide support to Lake County Special Districts in administering the Prop 1 Implementation grant.

Task 2: Provide outreach for training and technical assistance as opportunities arise.

Task 3: Further develop opportunities for Tribal involvement in IRWM.

Objective 2: Secure sustainable funding for the Small Grants Program.

Task 1: Explore alternative revenue sources to support the Small Grants Program.

Task 2: Consider choosing a focus for the Small Grants Program such as education or specific goals of the IRWM Plan.

Objective 3: Promote awareness and prevention of invasive species.

Task 1: Display quagga-mussel boat and educational materials during at least one event and / or a combination of two in-person and/or virtual outreach or educational events.

Task 2: Support prevention of introduction and the eradication of invasive and/or nuisance species.

Objective 4: Promote water-related education.

Task 1: Support and/or promote at least one education project for funding as opportunities arise.



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Objective 5: Support water-related habitat improvement.

Task 1: Support, including letters of support, at least one habitat project for funding as opportunities arise.

Objective 6: Support fire-impact recovery in the Westside Region.

Task 1: Support at least one fire response or recovery project.

Objective 7: Explore opportunities for climate resiliency planning and implementation projects in support of the objectives above.

Task 1: Monitor federal, state, and other funding opportunities to bolster climate resiliency in the Westside Sac region.

Task 2: Disseminate opportunities to appropriate entities within the WS IRWM region.

Task 3: Support, including letters of support, at least one climate resiliency-related project for funding as opportunities arise.

## Goal 5: Report to the public on implementation progress for the Westside Sac IRWM Plan

Objective 1: Determine progress toward accomplishing Westside Plan Goals and Objectives.

Task 1: Publish update and accomplishments in the Westside's Annual Report.

Task 2: Disseminate Annual Report widely through WS IRWM website, email lists, and member agency websites



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## Administrative Coordinator Report 3/13/24

1. Update on funding opportunities: Regional Resilience funding won't be available for 2024; the budget has \$25M allocated for it which will be used for existing applications in the Round 1 queue.
2. Roundtable of Regions [Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Summit](#) for Equity and Resilience in Water will be held via Zoom and in-person (Los Angeles) on March 26 & 27. I'll be attending virtually. Registration is open for those who wish to attend.
3. The WS IRWM project list update effort is in process; I've received updates on all but 21 projects, most of which belong to a handful of project sponsors. All project sponsors who did not respond to the first update request in August/September have been contacted again and I will re-contact them this month. Results will be provided in the Annual Report.
4. The Annual Report is in development and I will provide a draft for CC member review end of March/ beginning of April. Articles include: WS IRWM small grants reporting, Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project, LCSD IRWM grant update (potentially), Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness and Prevention in Lake and Solano Counties, Lake Berryessa water use and contracting in Napa and Solano Counties (in development), project list update. If you have a topic you'd like to see in the newsletter, please let me know.
5. Small grants update:
  - a. City of Winters: the tree and sedge planting occurred on 1/12/24 – it was an Eagle Scout project. Rich Marovich provided the following summary: *Eagle Scout candidate Olivia Inderbitzin organized scouts and other community volunteers for the planting. Local Rotary Clubs also participated including County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs. We are spreading more wood chips around the trees as the weather allows.* Photo included in agenda packet..
  - b. Lake County WPD: Angela DePalma-Dow to provide an update during the CC meeting.
  - c. Yolo County FC&WCD: one flow meter has been installed; the agency continues to seek another grower who is willing to install one. The Yolo County RCD Mobile Irrigation Lab manager, Conor Higgins, will be advertising the opportunity to small farms (~20 acres) reliant on groundwater for which he provides technical assistance.
  - d. Putah Creek Club: held their Lake Solano family picnic and canoe tour on 2/24/24. Thirty people attended. The report and photos are in the agenda packet.
6. WS IRWM website
  - a. On an ongoing basis as part of sending out the funding spreadsheet, I'm updating the website to provide the most recent version. It's available on the funding page.
  - b. On the schedule for website updates:
    - i. Revise the "Projects" page (potentially into multiple pages) to be more readable and explicitly capture each funding effort. I will likely lean on Alli Perman, our public outreach coordinator, who has about 40 hours of funding in this FY budget, to help with this. We plan to work on this in April.
7. Today's speaker was a result of the poll I asked CC members to take last summer. The subject was suggested and I had a project sponsor mention that they were having trouble with the AIS requirements and project costs, so I contacted today's speaker through USDA rural utilities service.