

## **Notice of Public Meeting**

## **COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 10, 2025 **Time**: 10:00 – 12:00 PM

Location: To be hosted remotely by Yolo County RCD with in-person attendance options at each member

agency - meeting access information at end of agenda

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions Leicht
- 2. \*Approve Consent Agenda Leicht
  - a. Approve Today's Agenda \*\*To add an item to the agenda, see the note below
  - b. Approve Minutes from the Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 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. Presentation: Groundwater Accounting Platform John Burns, ESA
- 5. DWR Update Siltanen
- 6. Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project update Ryan Fulton, LWA
- 7. Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable All
- 8. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates All
- 9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 10:00 am.
- 10. Adjourn

\*\*\* 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 September 5, 2025, 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.

Sarah Leicht, Chair	Date









<sup>\*</sup>Indicates Action Item

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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 nosted

## 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

## VIRTUAL LOCATION

Yolo County RCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee Regular Meeting

Time: Sep 10, 2025 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87136924012

Meeting ID: 871 3692 4012











#### **COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 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	<b>V</b>	Drew Gantner, SCWA	<b>√</b>	Max Stevenson, SCWA
Napa		Mark Snyder, NC Flood Control & Water Conservation District (NCFC & WCD)		Richard Thomasser, NCFC & WCD
Yolo	<b>V</b>	Sarah Leicht, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency		Sabrina Snyder, Yolo County
Lake	✓	Pawan Upadhyay, Lake County Water Resources Department		

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions – 10:07 AM

Others Present: Matti Siltanen, DWR; Ryan Fulton, LWA; Matt Cohen, City of Woodland

## 2. \*Approve Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Today's Agenda \*\*To add an item to the agenda, see the note below
- b. Approve Minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting
- c. YCRCD Financial Update Reza
- d. Coordinating Committee Financial Report SCWA

Motion: Approve consent agenda: Leicht; Second: Gantner; Roll call: Leicht: y, Gantner: y, Upadhyay: y. Approved.

3. \*\*\* Public Comment: No public comment.

## 4. **DWR Update** – Siltanen

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

### 5. Presentation: YSGA grant projects – Sarah Leicht, YSGA

Ms. Leicht provided an update on YSGA projects from three recent grant awards using the attached slides. Matt Cohen, City of Woodland, spoke about the City of Woodland WaterSMART grant, which has been awarded and confirmed, but the contract is not yet signed.

#### 6. \*Consideration of WS IRWM 25-26 Budget - Reza

Motion: Approve budget: Leicht; Second: Gantner; Roll call: Leicht: y, Gantner: y, Upadhyay: y. Approved.

#### 7. Review FY 2024-25 Work Plan - All

The group discussed the 24-25 Work Plan achievements. The results are attached.

### 8. Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project update – Ryan Fulton, LWA

Mr. Fulton provided an update on the Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project using the slides provided with these minutes.

#### 9. \*Consideration of WS IRWM FY 2025-26 Work Plan - Reza

Motion: Approve work plan with updated YSGA logo: Leicht; Second: Upadhyay Roll call: Leicht: y, Gantner: y, Upadhyay: y. Approved.

#### 10. \*Consideration of FY 2025-26 Regular Meeting dates – Reza

Motion: Approve meeting dates: Leicht; Second: Gantner Roll call: Leicht: y, Gantner: y, Upadhyay: y. Approved.

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

Lake: Clear Lake is high right now, YCFCWCD is withdrawing less water this year, probably because they are drawing down the Indian Valley Reservoir to enable repairs.

Solano: Solano project: Berryessa is at 94% capacity; North Bay Aqueduct, 70% allocation this year. Yolo: Normal in Yolo, no major concerns.

## 12. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates – All

Ms. Reza reported that SB 707, a Brown Act overhaul, is making its way through the CA legislature. It probably won't affect CC meeting formats, and she will report on the final version when it passes. This week, the Roundtable of Regions provided a letter with specific requests for including IRWM in Prop 4 funding opportunities. Ms. Reza asked the CC if they would like to sign the letter, and they agreed. Mr. Stevens requested Ms. Reza draft a letter from the WS IRWM CC, which Ms. Reza will do and provide to the CC for review before sending to DWR. The RoR also provided a transition plan for regional leaders and policy makers. Ms. Reza emailed both documents to CC members on 7/7/25.

**13. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location –** Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 10:00 am, hosted by Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency.

#### 14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 11:38AM.

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Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordination by YCRCD Budg	get Overview		
As of 7/31/25	Budget		
Tasks		9/30/2025	Remaining
1 MEETING FACILITATION AND SUPPORT			
Labor			
Administrative Coordinator	\$15,400.00	-\$1,237.50	\$14,162.50
Labor Total	\$15,400.00	-\$1,237.50	\$14,162.50
Materials			
Office supplies	\$150.00	-\$72.00	\$78.00
Certificate of Insurance	\$125.00		\$125.00
Computer/Software	\$200.00		\$200.00
Meeting Refreshments	\$150.00		\$150.00
Materials Total	\$625.00	-\$72.00	\$553.00
Travel	\$140.00		\$140.00
1 MEETING FACILITATION AND SUPPORT Total	\$16,165.00	-\$1,309.50	\$14,855.50
2 PUBLIC OUTREACH			
Labor			
Administrative Coordinator	\$11,000.00	-\$962.50	\$10,037.50
Outreach Coordinator	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Labor Total	\$15,000.00	-\$962.50	\$14,037.50
Materials	1		
IT Support/Computer	\$1,200.00	-\$100.00	\$1,100.00
Materials Total	\$1,200.00	-\$100.00	\$1,100.00
2 PUBLIC OUTREACH Total	\$16,200.00	-\$1,062.50	\$15,137.50
3 DATA MANAGEMENT			
Labor			
Administrative Coordinator	\$13,200.00	-\$1,100.00	\$12,100.00
Labor Total	\$13,200.00	-\$1,100.00	\$12,100.00
3 DATA MANAGEMENT Total	\$13,200.00	-\$1,100.00	\$12,100.00
4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC			
Labor			
Administrative Coordinator	\$15,400.00	-\$825.00	\$14,575.00
Labor Total	\$15,400.00	-\$825.00	\$14,575.00
4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC Total	\$15,400.00	-\$825.00	\$14,575.00
5 ADMINISTRATION			
Administration			
Administration (15% on non-personnel)	\$294.75	-\$25.80	\$268.95
Administration Total	\$294.75	-\$25.80	\$268.95
5 ADMINISTRATION Total	\$294.75	-\$25.80	\$268.95
Remaining			\$56,936.95

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	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	FY 2024- 2025	FY 2025- 2026	Total
Contributions	201-	2013	2010	2017	2010	2013	2020	2021	2022	2023	202-1	2023	2020	Total
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	\$21,500.00		\$249,000.00
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	\$21,500.00		\$249,000.00
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	\$21,500.00		\$249,000.00
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	\$21,500.00		\$249,000.00
Total Contributions	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$0.00	\$996,000.00
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	\$131,204.47	\$161,578.48	
Total Income Available	\$60,000.00	\$108,688.36	\$195,481.54	\$214,881.41	\$185,454.96	\$125,558.56	\$132,543.66	\$158,437.46	\$176,096.83	\$197,419.39	\$197,591.68	\$217,204.47	\$161,578.48	
Expenditures														
Bank of the West				\$69.99										\$69.99
Cache Creek Conservancy 2015-16 Small Grant				\$9,490.34										\$9,490.34
City of Winters 2015-16 Small Grant			\$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 2016-17 Small Grant				\$11,505.40		\$2,722.15								\$15,792.01
Lake County Water Protection 2016-17 Small Gra	nt				\$18,172.00	\$1,206.07					\$3,772.50			\$23,150.57
McCord Environmental		\$8,360.00						\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		4			\$18,360.00
Putah Creek Council '15, '16, '23 small grant				\$2,500.00	\$11,039.14			4	4	4	\$1,081.25	4		\$14,620.39
Santa Ana Watershed Project RoR Yerly contribut	ion			ć42 F00 00				\$1,549.38	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,049.38
Solano County RCD 2016-+17 Small Grant The Printer				\$12,500.00			ć2 442 00							\$12,500.00
Yolo County Flood Control 2016 state grant funds	adi 9 2022 a	mall arant		\$11,780.62			\$3,443.09				\$2,282.38	\$900.00		\$3,443.09 \$14,963.00
Yolo County RCD - admin coordination	\$11,311.64	-	\$48,600.13	\$61,580.10	\$66.322.67	\$66.370.43	\$56.663.11	\$61.791.25	\$79.677.44	\$62,827.71	\$56,879.90	\$53,225.99		\$649,497.19
Winters Middle School -2023 small grant MELANI		324,240.62	348,000.13	301,380.10	300,322.07	300,370.43	\$30,003.11	301,791.23	\$75,077.44	302,827.71	\$871.18	\$33,223.33		\$871.18
Winters Wildlie School -2025 Small grant Willand	L LLLISON										J071.10			Ç671.16
Total Expenditures	\$11,311.64	\$33,206.82	\$60,600.13	\$109,426.45	\$139,896.40	\$79,014.90	\$60,106.20	\$68,340.63	\$86,177.44	\$64,327.71	\$66,387.21	\$55,625.99	\$1,500.00	\$835,921.52
REMAINING BALANCE	\$48,688.36	\$75,481,54	\$134,881.41	\$105.454.96	\$45,558.56	\$46,543.66	\$72,437.46	\$90,096.83	\$89,919.39	\$133,091.68	\$131.204.47	\$161.578.48	\$160.078.48	\$160,078.48
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## Vision

- Scalable: Water account holders in multiple GSAs can manage in one place
- Configurable: Water managers can select from diverse data sources and configuration options to match their policies
- Open source: Underlying code is available for anyone to use and build on, but your data is private

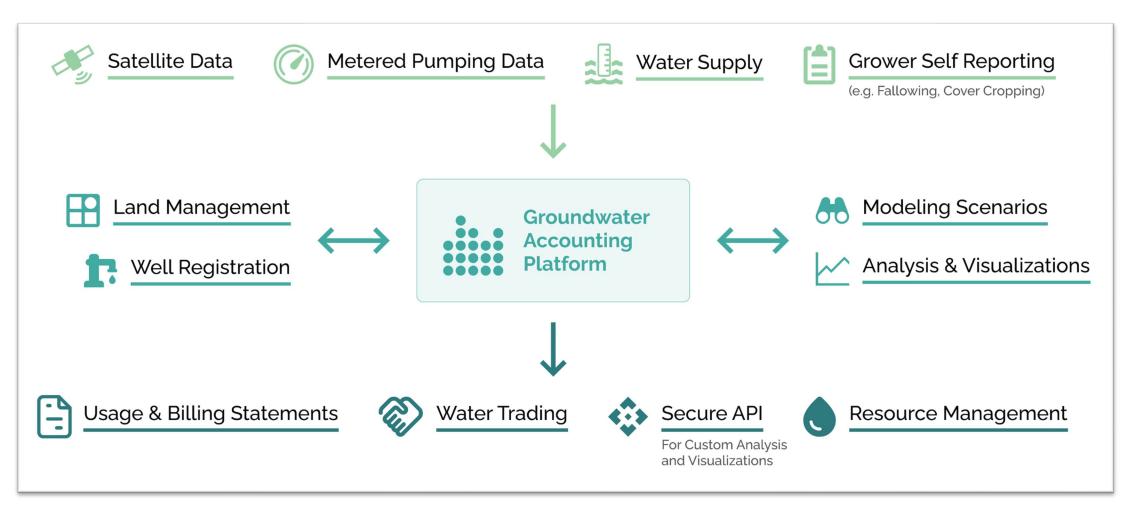








## Platform Features



http://groundwateraccounting.org



# **User Community**



## **Full Deployment:**

- Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD
- East Turlock Subbasin GSA
- Merced Irrigation & Urban GSA
- Merced Subbasin GSA

## **Demos or Pilots:**

- Yolo Subbasin
- South Colusa / North Yolo Working Group
- Pajaro Valley Water
- Pasa Robles GSAs

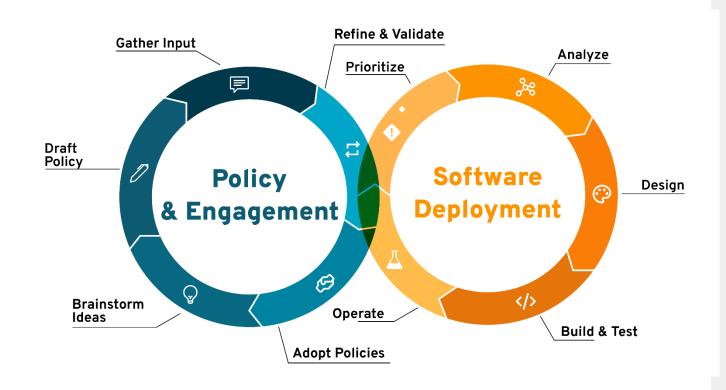
## **Outside California:**

- Upper Big Blue NRD (Nebraska)
- Twin Platte NRD (Nebraska)
- GMD3 (Kansas)



# Scaling Project - Lessons Learned

- Policy takes time
  - Technology solutions help validate policy; start simple, add complexity incrementally
- Common problems lead to common solutions, even when the labels are different
  - System implementation helps standardize language and workflow
  - Learning and sharing with peers builds confidence; analyze commonalities and differences
- Well-designed policies & workflows make managing tradeoffs less painful





## **User Roles**



Landowner / Operator: View and manage water budget for their parcels in one or more geographies (i.e. GSAs)



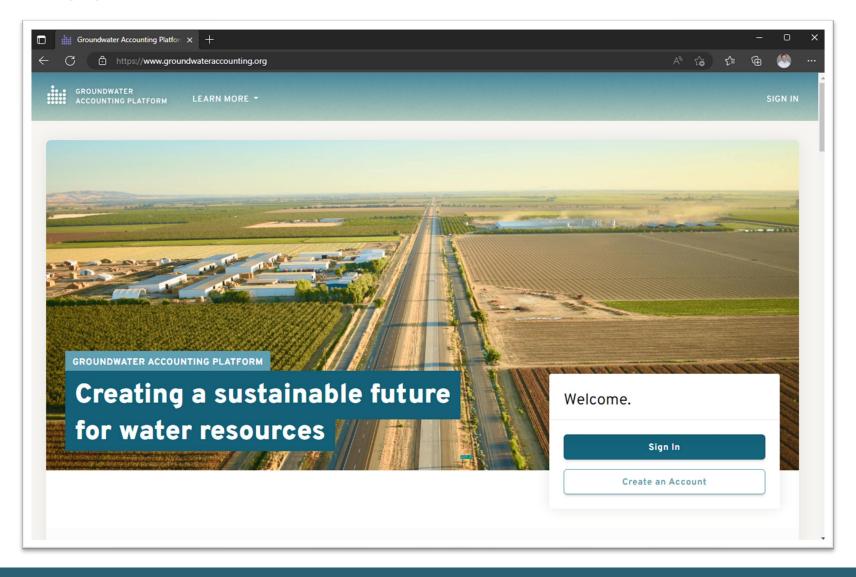
**Water Manager:** Configure accounting rules for their geography and administer roll-up water budgets



**Platform Administrator:** Platform operations and configuration across geographies

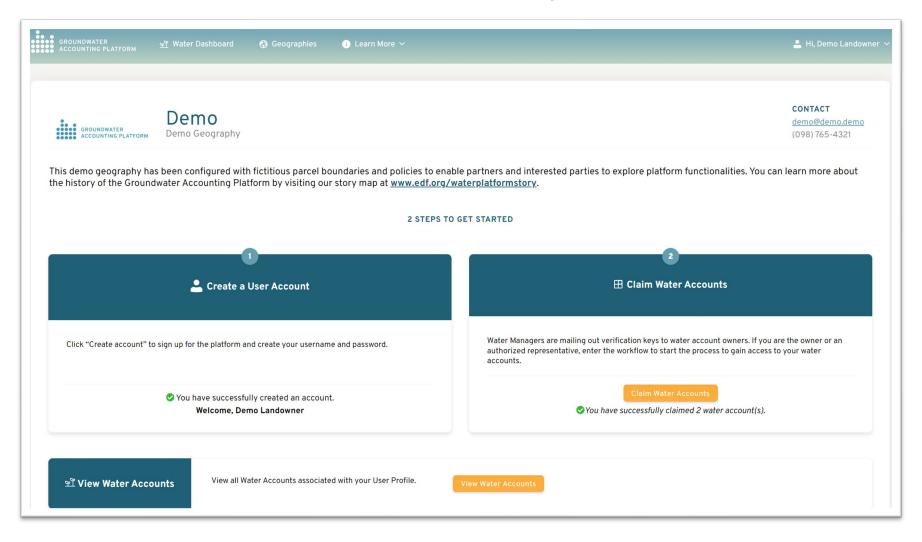


## Platform Tour



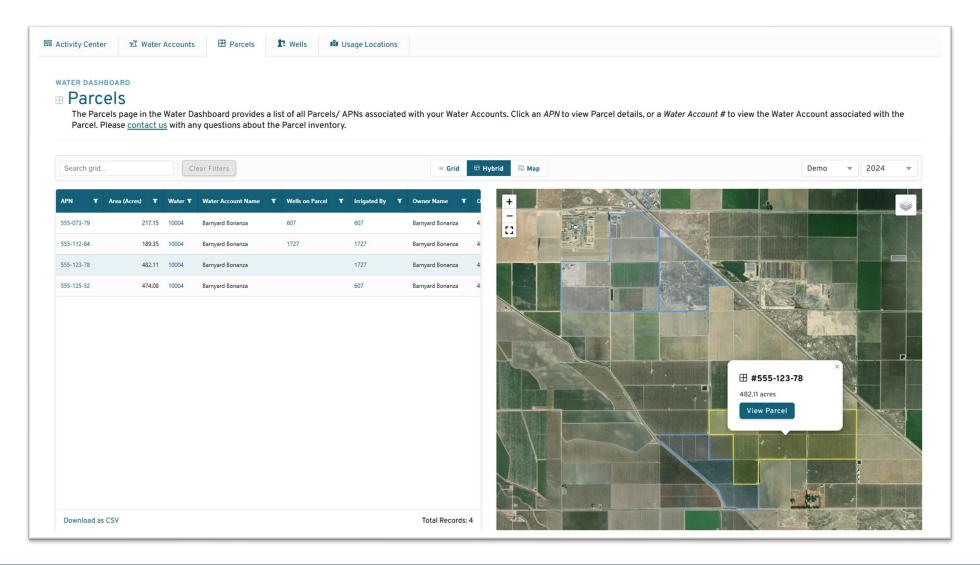


# Account Setup and Onboarding



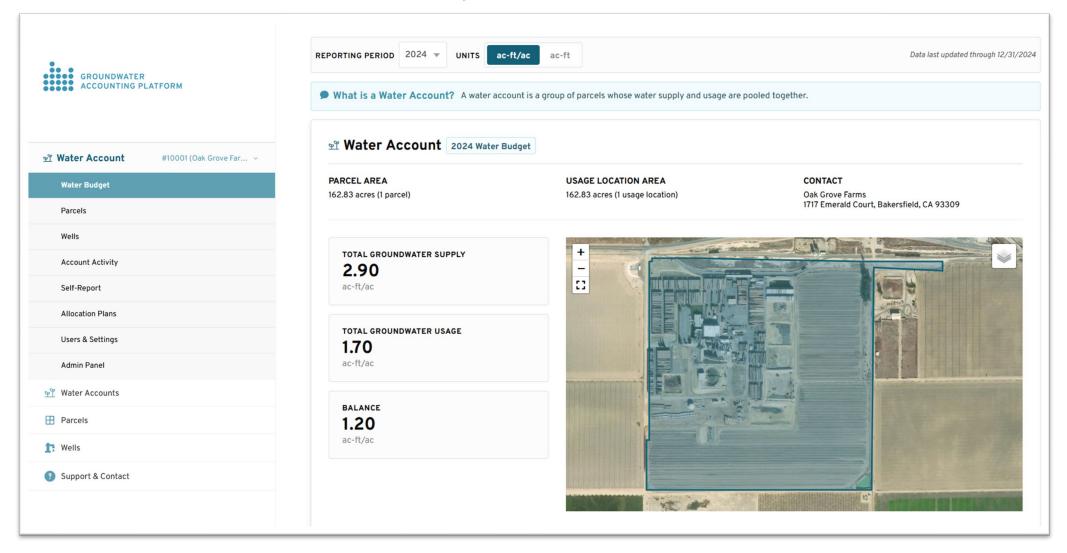


## Landowner Dashboard



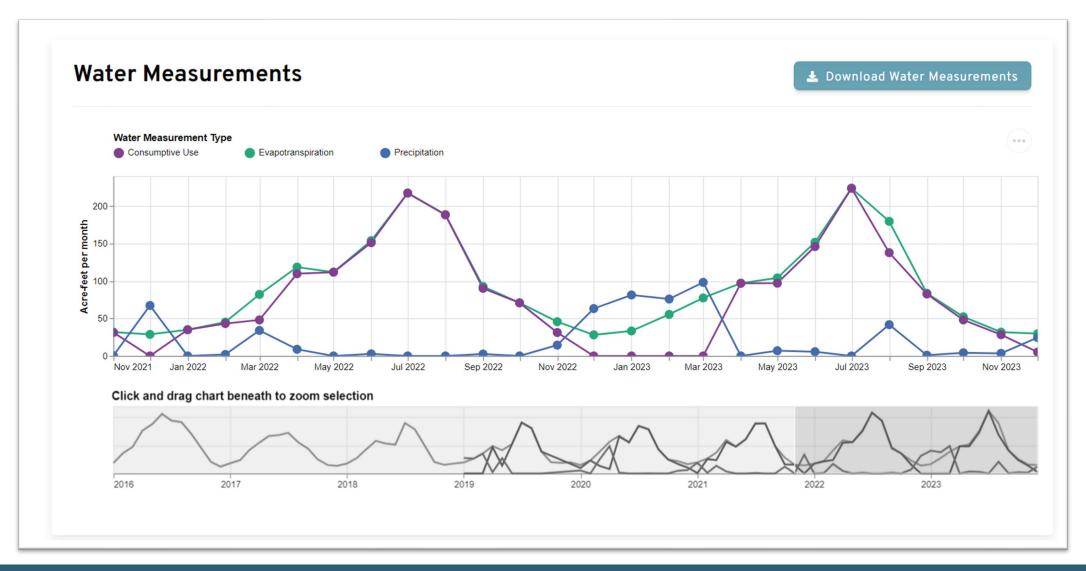


# Landowner Water Budget



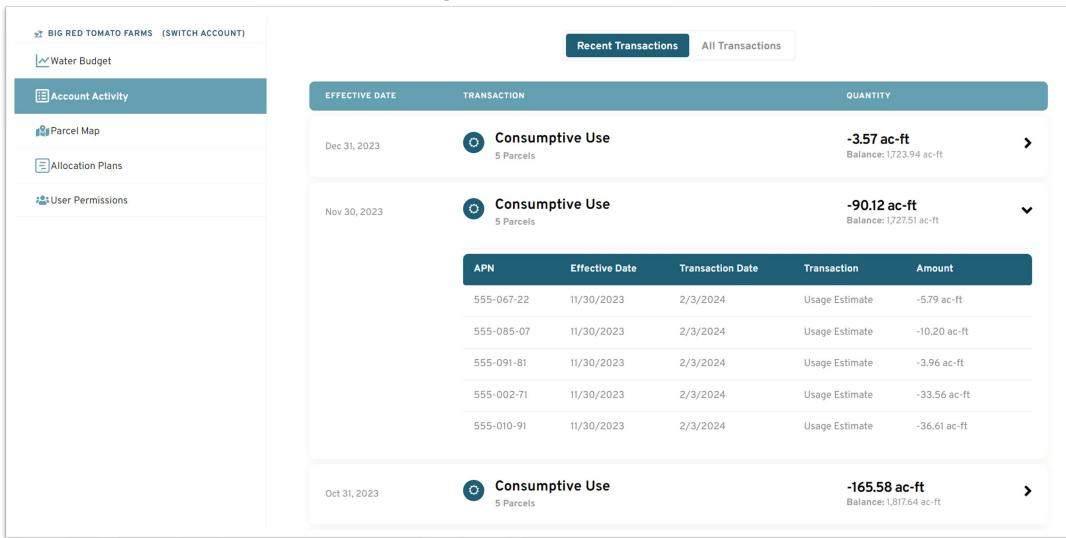


## Parcel Water Measurements



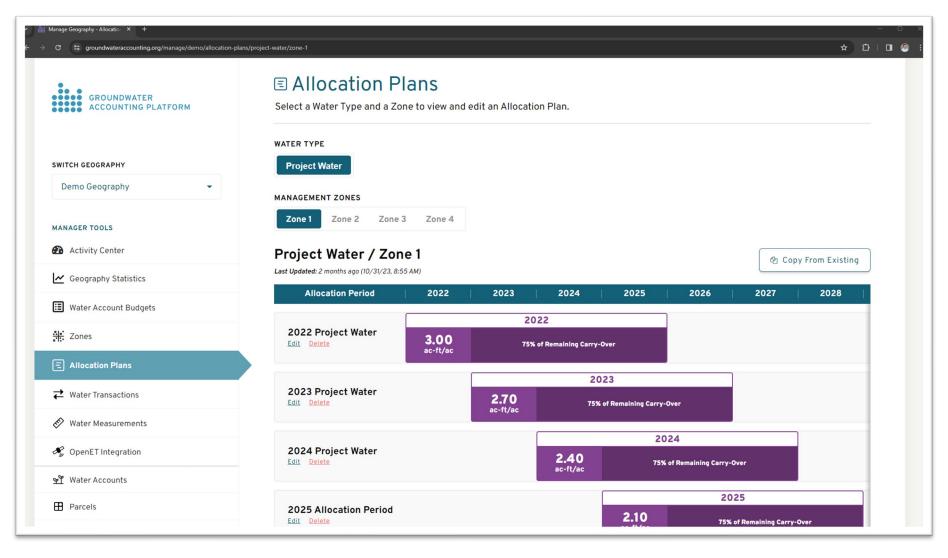


# Water Account Activity



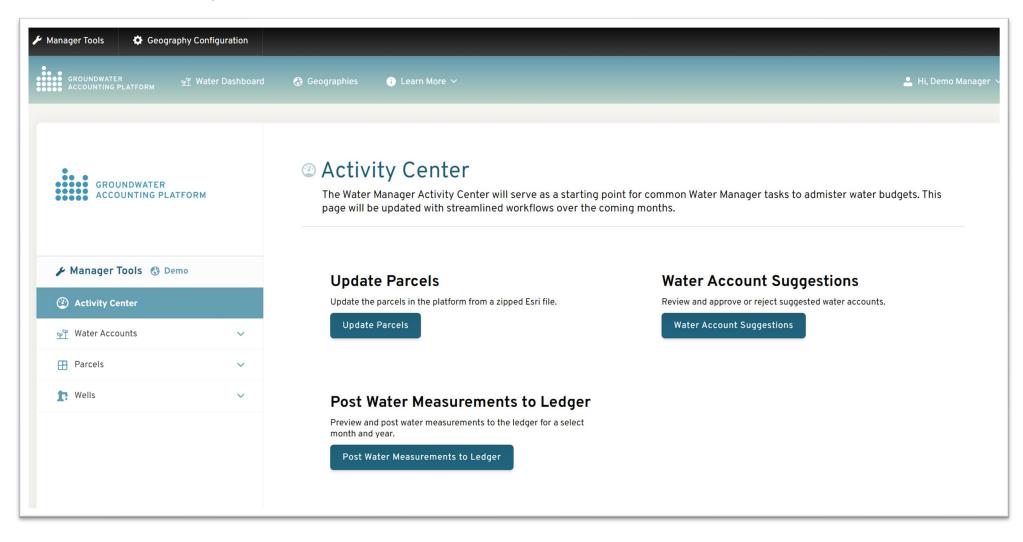


## **Allocation Plans**



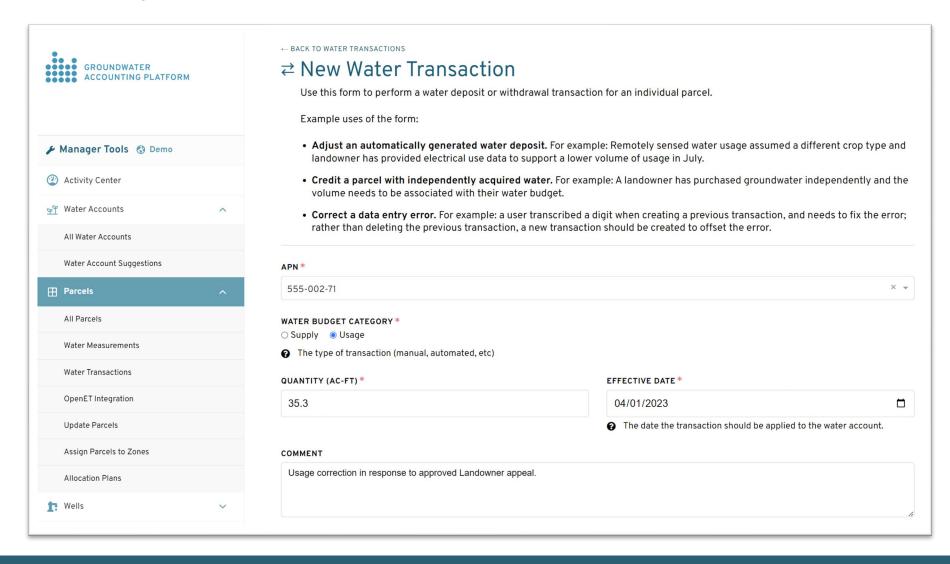


# Water Manager Admin Tools



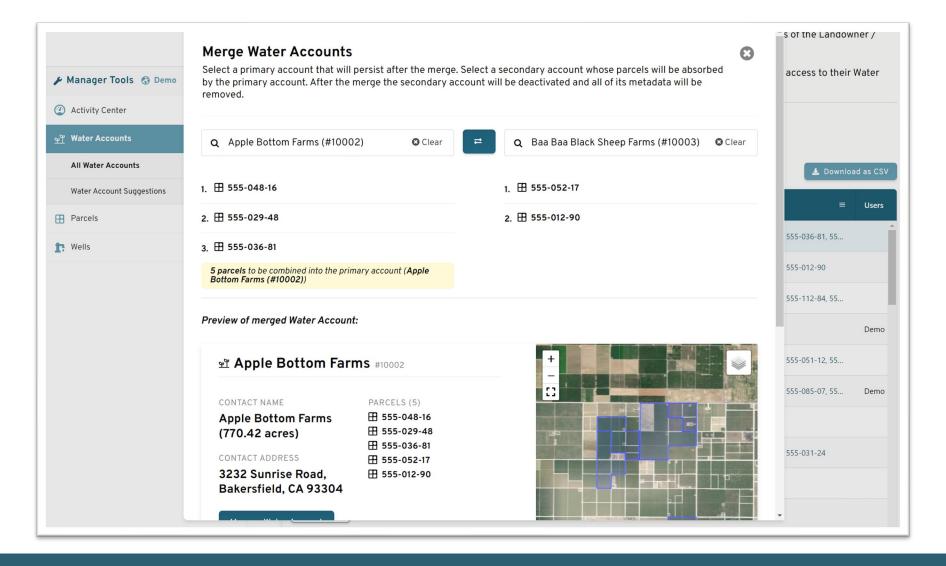


# Water Usage Updates



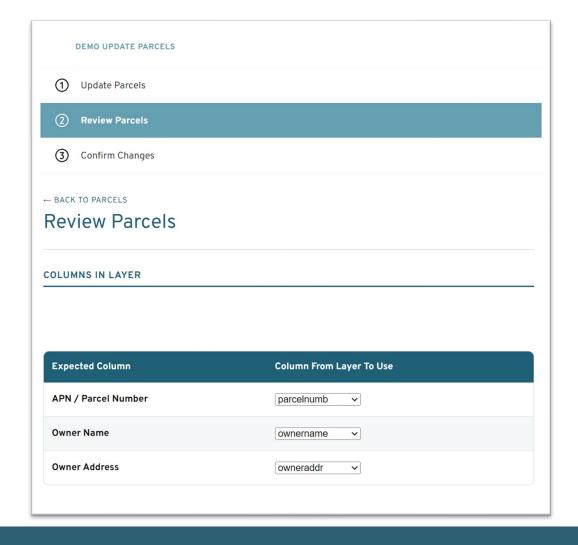


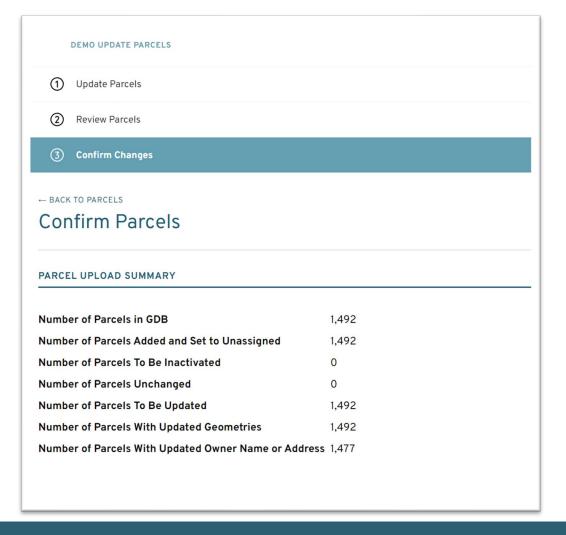
## Water Account Administration





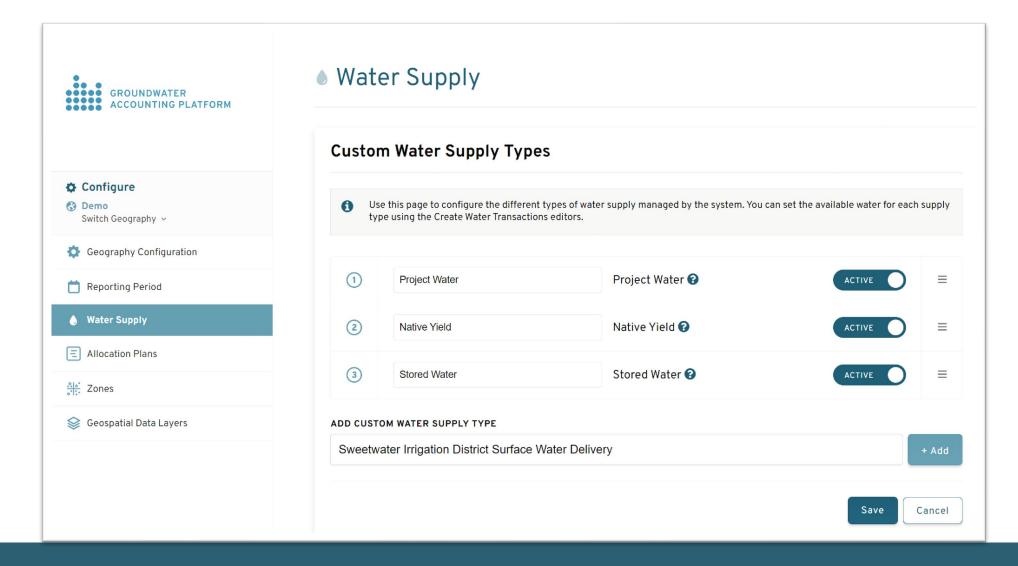
# Ongoing Data Management







# Configuring Water Supply





# Thank you!









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Let us know if you have any questions or would like a demo account!



## Administrative Coordinator Report 9/10/25

- 1. July 16 Roundtable of Regions meeting
  - a. Discussed letter to DWR about Prop 4 that the CC agreed to sign at the July meeting.
    - i. 77% of attendees who voted opted out of language that rewards "active" groups.
    - ii. RoR coordinator will follow up with a poll of all IRWM groups and let us know the outcome.
  - b. DWR gave two presentations one on Prop 4 funds and the other on the Watershed Resilience Program.
    - i. Screenshots and my notes are attached to this report
  - c. The recording of the meeting is now available on the Roundtable's website: <u>Agendas</u> Summaries Videos | RoundTableofRegions
- 2. More RoR business
  - a. Last chance to review Transition Plan: Speaking of the transition plan, you can review and comment on the PDF using the following link. Please make all comments by end of business, Thursday, September 11.
    - i. <a href="https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:25d4a640-0106-40c7-ae97-27fccde53a19">https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:25d4a640-0106-40c7-ae97-27fccde53a19</a>
  - b. New Roundtable of Regions Prop 4 letter for review included with these notes if CC members approve, I will send the logo to the RoR coordinator for inclusion.
- 3. August 13 RoR Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement meeting
  - a. Overview of Watershed Resilience Pilot Regions and Tribal outreach
    - i. Repeated outreach is key to engagement
    - ii. Also, recruiting Tribes to share their cultural resilience practices, such as good fire.
    - iii. Small steps, person by person
    - iv. Sharing meals, going to Tribal events that are open to non-Tribal members
    - v. Making sure they are aware their participation is valued
    - vi. Persistence
    - vii. Compensation for participation through contractual tasks related to participation
- 4. Is it okay with the CC for YCRCD to be the default host of CC meetings instead of rotating the honor?
- 5. SCWA is redesigning the IRWM website and it looks great! Check out the new home page here: <a href="https://westsideirwm.kinsta.cloud/">https://westsideirwm.kinsta.cloud/</a>
- 6. Meeting topic survey results see attached.
- 7. <u>SB 707</u> Brown Act Update. The bill is going through the floor process, and the following information relates to multi-jurisdictional entities.



## Administrative Coordinator Report 9/10/25

- a. 8. Multijurisdictional Bodies: SB 707 also seeks to enact a version of Senator Josh Becker's (pre-2024) SB 537, related to teleconferencing flexibilities for eligible multijurisdictional bodies. "Eligible multijurisdictional body" is defined to mean a board, commission, or advisory body of a multijurisdictional, cross-county agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed, and the board, commission, or advisory body is otherwise subject to the Brown Act.
- b. "Multijurisdictional" means a legislative body that includes representatives from more than one county, city, city and county, special district, or a joint powers entity.
- c. An eligible multijurisdictional body would be permitted to use revised teleconferencing rules provided that the eligible multijurisdictional body has adopted a resolution to that effect at a regular meeting in open session. At least a quorum of the members of the eligible multijurisdictional body must participate from one or more physical locations that are open to the public and within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction. A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body who receives compensation for their service on the eligible multijurisdictional body must participate from a physical location that is open to the public. "Compensation" does not include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses.
- d. A member of the eligible multijurisdictional body may participate from a remote location provided that:
- e. the eligible multijurisdictional body identifies each member of the eligible multijurisdictional body who plans to participate remotely in the agenda
- f. the member shall participate through both audio and visual technology
- g. The member of the eligible multijurisdictional body cannot participate in a meeting remotely using revised teleconferencing rules unless the location from which the member participates is more than 20 miles each way from any physical location of the meeting. There are also restrictions on how often a member may participate remotely under revised teleconferencing rules similar in nature to the limitations built into the AB 2449 framework.
- h. These provisions have a January 1, 2030 sunset date.
- i. Information source: <a href="https://www.csda.net/blogs/morgan-leskody/2025/09/02/csda-secures-crucial-amendments-to-sb-707-biggest?zs=CsU5Q1&zl=d6Nr7">https://www.csda.net/blogs/morgan-leskody/2025/09/02/csda-secures-crucial-amendments-to-sb-707-biggest?zs=CsU5Q1&zl=d6Nr7</a>

## Prop 4 At a Glance

Authorizes \$10 billion in State general obligation bonds for various projects to reduce climate risks and impacts

Figure 1		
Key Goals of Pro (In Millions)	position 4 Bond Funds	
Category	Key Goals	Amount
Drought, Flood, and Water Supply	Increase the amount and quality of water available for people to use and reduce the risk of flooding.	\$3,800
Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention	Improve the health of forests and protect communities from wildfires.	1,500
Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Areas	Reduce the risks from sea-level rise, restore coastal areas, and protect fish.	1,200
Land Conservation and Habitat Restoration	Protect and restore natural areas.	1,200
Energy Infrastructure	Support the state's shift to more renewable sources of energy, such as offshore wind.	850
Parks	Expand, renovate, and repair local and state parks.	700
Extreme Heat	Reduce the effects of extreme heat on communities.	450
Farms and Agriculture	Help farms respond to the effects of climate change and become more sustainable.	300
Total		\$10,000

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# Kadie McShirley

Maggie Dutton, CCW

Ashley Gilreath, DWR

# Kevin Johnson

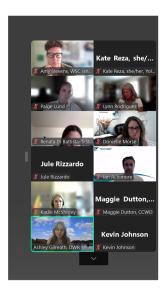
Full Text: November 5, 2024, General Election Voter Information Guide - Proposition 4 Text of ProposedLaws



## DWR's Portion of the Bond

Funding	Amount
Sustainable Groundwater (91012)	\$386.25M (\$25M for CA Tribes)
Brackish Desalinization (91016)	\$62.5M
Stream Gages (91017)	\$15M (DWR and SWRCB)
Conveyance (91018)	\$75M
Ag/Urban Water Conservation (91019)	\$75M
IRWM/Watershed Climate Resilience (91031)	\$100M
Riverine Stewardship (91032 c)	\$50M
Urban Streams (91032 e)	\$25M

DWR will also deliver funding for Flood Mgmt, Dam Safety/Reservoir Ops, Salton Sea, etc.

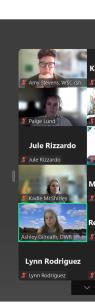


Totals are for each pot, not necessarily grants

## **Overall Bond Authorities**



- Set Aside: At least 40 percent of the total funds for vulnerable populations or disadvantaged communities. At least 10 percent of the total funds to severely disadvantaged communities.
- Allows for 25% Advanced Payment for timely project initiation (no max project cost)
- Allows for reimbursement of indirect costs
- No cost share/match requirements in the bond

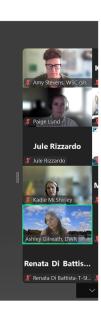


We should be thinking about this – identifying the vulnerable communities

## **Overall Bond Authorities Cont**



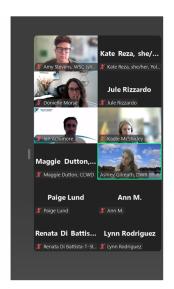
- No Eligible Project List (meaning it will default to General Obligation Bond Law)
- No Eligible Cost List (meaning it will default to General Obligation Bond Law)
- Key Priorities/Preferences: (very few)
  - Priority to projects that leverage private, federal & local funding to produce greatest public benefit
  - Preference for projects that utilize California Conservation Corps (90150)



No eligible project list means capital projects only, unless specifically carved out in Prop 4 and the DWR funds default to general bond requirements.

California Conservation Corps is accepting applications!

# How can DWR use the money? Up to 10% for technical assistance for DAC, SDAC, and vulnerable populations\*, and may be increased if there is need (90600b(1)(2)) \*May provide workforce training and education, jobs for vulnerable populations

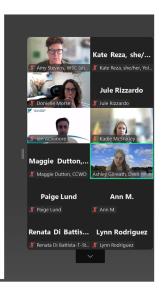


The TA may come in the form of application assistance or planning assistance.

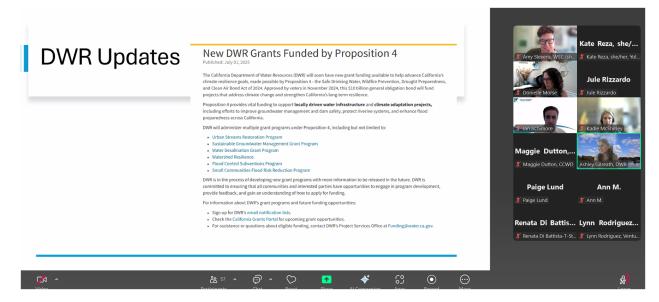
## Office of Administrative Law Exemption

- Office of Administrative Law Exemption\* is Missing
  - This exemption would allow us to develop grant program guidelines, rather than go through a multi-year process to develop regulations
  - DOF introduced a trailer bill with the January 10 budget to add the exemption but it has not been passed.

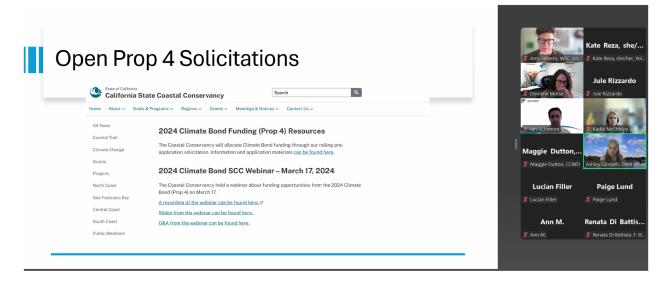
\*90115. The Legislature may enact legislation necessary to implement programs funded by this division.



Like Prop 84, doesn't allow for the development of guidelines, instead they have to write regulations.



They don't have the money yet!!



Coastal Conservancy will take pre-apps.



WCB will take pre-apps.



Once the first two happen, they are in a holding pattern.'

Timeline for legislature appropriations: unknown, maybe later this summer.

# **Questions About DWR Funding?**

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# Watershed Resilience Program Intent and Outcomes



**Program Intent** 

Empower local water leaders with the capacity to prepare for climate change impacts across water sectors at



## **Equity**

Build and support inclusive and diverse watershed netw orks



## **Climate Science**

Inform sound resilience planning with quantitative climate vulnerability and adaptation analysis



#### Scale

Incentivize
planning on a
hydrologically
appropriate
scale, from
headwaters to
groundwater
basins



To encourage and support locally-led watershed networks to:

- Manage water from headwaters to outflow at a watershed scale
- · Prioritize equity and inclusiveness
- · Analyze climate risks and adaptations at a watershed scale
- Collaborate across water, flood, groundwater, water quality, forest/fire, ecosystem and land use sectors.
- Develop metrics to track outcomes regionally and statewide
- Implement resilient and equitable projects and solutions



# **2024 Watershed Resilience Pilot Program Awards**

Watersheds	Lead Agency	Award
American River	Regional Water Authority	\$2M
Calaveras River	Stockton East Water District	\$2M
Pajaro River	Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency	\$2M
Russian River	Sonoma Water Agency	\$2M
Ventura River	Ventura RCD	\$2M





## **Pilot Scope of Work**

Task 1a: Define Watershed



Task 1b: Identify Community Participation Gaps





Task 3: Assess Climate Vulnerabilities and Risks

Task 1c: Build Inclusive Networks



Task 4: Develop and Evaluate Adaptation Strategies for Projects



Task 5: Develop Implementation Strategy



Task 6: Develop Performance Tracking Metrics



Task 7: Develop Watershed Resilience Plan



## **Early Lessons Learned**

- Program flexibility meets regions where they are. Each pilot is unique to each watershed
- Organizing watershed networks has increased collaboration across upper and lower watershed, laying groundwork for surface water/groundwater integration
- Tribal engagement assistance/support is needed
- "Cohort" meetings with all watershed pilots has helped them learn from each other

Findings from pilot projects will inform and help shape future DWR funding programs and guide efforts to strengthen water resilience across California.



I asked if there will be funding for other watersheds to develop their groups and plans. Response: In CWP, that is the vision. As opportunities arise, that is the intention of the department, but funding is not available now.



## September , 2025

Director Karla Nemeth California Department of Water Resources 715 P Street, 6th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Roundtable of Integrated Regional Water Management Regions – Recommendations for Proposition 4 Funding** 

#### Dear Director Nemeth:

The Roundtable of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Regions appreciates the opportunity to offer recommendations on the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) upcoming implementation of Proposition 4: Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. Approved by voters in November 2024, Proposition 4 provides approximately \$10 billion for safe drinking water, wildfire mitigation, ecosystem restoration, and other climate-resilience priorities, including \$3.8 billion dedicated to water quality and supply reliability.

IRWM regions have spent two decades building trusted partnerships, governance structures, and multi-benefit project pipelines that align squarely with Proposition 4's objectives. We therefore believe DWR can streamline statewide climate resilience by *leveraging and strengthening* the IRWM programs rather than creating duplicative programs. The Roundtable respectfully offers the following principles and specific requests related to Chapter 2, Section 91031: that "\$100,000,000 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Water Resources for projects related to integrated regional water management to improve climate resilience on a watershed basis."

## 1. Integrate Proposition 4 Deliverables with Existing IRWM Plans and Governance

• Use current IRWM plans in lieu of requiring wholesale plan updates. Mandating full updates would slow shovel-ready projects and consume scarce planning funds. Instead,

- allow regions to append a concise addendum to existing Proposition 1 compliant IRWM plans that demonstrate consistency and compliance with Proposition 4 criteria.
- Work with other state agencies to allocate a portion of each Proposition 4 category through competitive block grants to IRWM regions. Regional block grants would speed up contracting, reduce State administrative burden, and maintain accountability through IRWM's proven sub-grant oversight process.

## 2. Provide Clear, Coordinated Guidance and Schedules

- Publish a single, agency-wide Proposition 4 implementation roadmap before individual solicitations are released. This should be developed jointly with the other resource agencies that are receiving Proposition 4 funding State Water Resources Control Board, Wildlife Conservation Board, CalFire, and the Office of Planning and Research.
- Convene quarterly Roundtable & DWR working sessions to provide feedback on guidelines, scoring criteria (that prioritizes regional and genuine multi-partner projects), and timeline milestones.

## 3. Allow Region-Specific Solutions

• Allow maximum regional flexibility in project selection so that flood reduction, recycled-water expansion, desalination pilots, stormwater capture, wildfire resistance, and nature-based watershed projects can be packaged to meet local climate threats.

## 4. Extend Implementation Timelines and Expand Eligible Costs

- **Set default construction deadlines at 5–7 years** rather than the three-year window used in recent drought programs, which proved challenging for multi-benefit work.
- **Permit pre-construction costs** (planning, environmental compliance, preliminary engineering), technical assistance and workforce-development activities that build the capacity needed to deliver Proposition 4 projects.

## 5. Strengthen Support for Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and Tribes

- Offer advance payment options, reduced local-match requirements, and application assistance modeled on the successful Prop 1 DAC & Tribal Involvement Program.
- Coordinate technical-assistance dollars across agencies so communities receive a single, streamlined avenue for capacity building rather than multiple overlapping programs.

#### 6. Preserve Prop 4 Dollars for Resilience Investments

• **Prohibit budget backfill.** Program guidelines should state that bond proceeds may not replace existing State or local appropriations or cover operating deficits.

## 7. Streamline Access with a Regional Common-Application Model Option

- Authorize a single regional application as an alternative application model. Allow an established grant administrator, for example a council of governments, water agency, or county department, to submit one package on behalf of multiple partners.
- Lower barriers for small, rural, and DAC/TI entities. Centralized support eases application and compliance burdens for agencies that have limited grant capacity.
- Reduce State workload and speed delivery. A single point of contact simplifies DWR oversight and uses proven regional administration models to put Prop 4 dollars to work faster.

The Roundtable stands ready to collaborate with DWR to deliver Proposition 4 funds efficiently, transparently, and equitably. By building on IRWM's proven regional structures, DWR can move urgently while maintaining the thoughtful, multi-benefit approach voters endorsed.

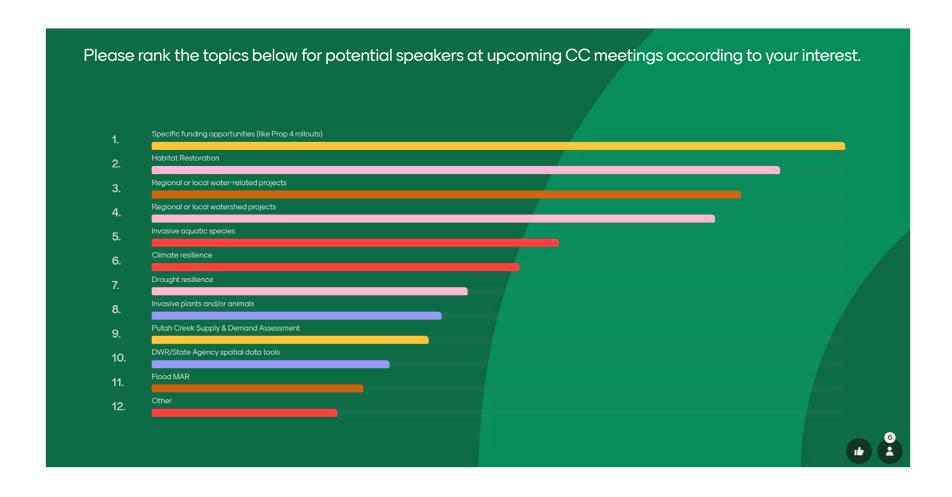
Please contact our Network Coordinator, Sierra Orr (sorr@wsc-inc.com), to schedule the first Proposition 4 guideline workshop or to discuss any of the recommendations above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee

cc: Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director, Sustainable Groundwater Management Ann-Marie Cook, DWR Proposition 4 Implementation Team Francisco Guzman, California Water Plan Kamyar Guivetchi, Division of Planning Art Hinojosa Jr., Division of Regional Assistance Eric Tsai, Water Resilience Program Lead



If you could choose the topics for the next three meetings, what would they be?

in-person meeting
watershed improvement
water quality projects
hrl bay delta plan
watershed resiliencepilot
small grants update
gsa coordination