

Notice of Public Meeting

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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, November 12, 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: Ventura River Watershed Resilience Pilot Project** – Presenter, Lynn Rodriguez, Rodriguez Consulting
5. **DWR Update** – Siltanen
6. **Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project update** – Ryan Fulton, LWA
7. **IRWM Transition Plan** – All
8. ***Consideration of a procedure for Letters of Support for projects that support the Westside Sac IRWM Plan** – All
9. **Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable** – All
10. **CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates** – All
11. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location** – Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 10:00 am.
12. **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.

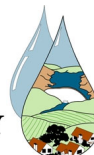
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing was posted prior to 10 AM on January 9, 2026, on the door of the offices of the Lake County Water Resources Dept., Napa County Flood Control, Solano County Water Agency, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Yolo County Resource Conservation District.

Sarah Leicht, Chair _____ Date _____



SOLANO COUNTY
WATER AGENCY



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 MEETING LINK

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

Topic: Westside Sac IRWM CC regular meeting

Time: Nov 12, 2025 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88625282490?pwd=8qGdQjgp7UEh4YZRVkVCvdbbXbMLK0.1>

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SOLANO COUNTY
WATER AGENCY



COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Hybrid meeting; remote hosting by Yolo County RCD

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Solano	✓	Max Stevenson, SCWA	✓	Drew Gantner, SCWA
Napa	✓	Mark Snyder, NC Flood Control & Water Conservation District (NCFC & WCD)		Richard Thomasser, NCFC & WCD
Yolo	✓	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 – 10:05 AM

Others Present: Josh Black, DWR; Matti Siltanen, DWR; Ryan Fulton, LWA; Amy Bailey, DWR;

2. *Approve Consent Agenda

- Approve Today's Agenda **To add an item to the agenda, see the note below
- Approve Minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting
- YCRCD Financial Update – Reza
- Coordinating Committee Financial Report – SCWA

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

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

4. Presentation: DWR Riverine and Urban Stream Programs – Josh Black, DWR

Mr. Black provided information about Prop 4 and the programs using the slides provided in the minutes packet. No cap on \$ for either program, USRP expecting prop 4 funding in 2026 or 2027. Two applicants required: one local public agency, Tribe, non-profit AND a community group. Projects that have received TA from the program receive priority. Concept proposals first, so this stage is when an entity would receive TA. Design, review, and environmental resource assessment. Could also reach out to the program emails and ask for assistance, describe project, etc. There's a website form for TA inquiries.

There is a transition period as they adjust to the availability of Prop 4 funding. In some cases, Tribe can fulfill the role of CBO/ vulnerable population. There's an eligibility map for RSP grants.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=UIYdt4NLV0KvzX_Rd4hFZA0K0EnMxgFBjdT1w1KS3yNURFJTOTdLS0pXVIRaNUZCMIIPU01SWEIQNS4u&route=shorturl

5. DWR Update – Siltanen

Mr. Siltanen reviewed the update provided with the agenda packet, paying special attention to the highlighted items.

6. 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.

In-lieu recharge is more effective and cost-effective than direct recharge – well established through studies. Recharge can either be “direct” or “in-lieu”; direct recharge occurs when rainwater and applied surface water

percolates into the ground and to the aquifer, whereas in-lieu recharge occurs when surface water is used “in-lieu”, or instead of, pumping groundwater for irrigation or other uses.

7. Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable – All

Yolo: Groundwater is looking pretty good, same levels as last year, currently recovering from irrigation. A couple of trouble spots, ramping up groundwater recharge this winter. The drought resiliency plan is out for review, and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved a 120 day well moratorium for some of the focus areas while we hone in on well permitting coordinates with YSGA. Yolo County entered into MOMU with DWR for the Big Notch Project, dismissing the lawsuit that Yolo County had filed. Identifies \$8M in funding for local projects – these will include long-term management of Tule Canal and the Toe Drain for veg management, habitat restoration for Elkhorn Park, and drainage and fish passage improvement in YBWA. Collaborative process with DWR. Big Notch is slated to operate when the river reaches 15 feet.

Napa: The reservoirs are at about 80% full, and NCFc&WCD installed its first flood monitor on Napa Creek to monitor the debris buildup on trash screens.

Lake: Clear Lake is at 2.8 feet; it will be full at 8 feet. Doing well for this time of year; no more draw from Kent Creek dam.

Solano: Berryessa is looking good, just 11 feet shy of glory hole. Releasing extra water for the salmon run, about 900 salmon so far this year. Groundwater is holding just fine. <https://www.biotactic.com/bravo-node-25/> ; <https://www.biotactic.com/bravo-node-24/>

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

Future letter of support for projects in the plan – agenda item next meeting.

9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 10:00 am.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 11:28 AM.

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Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordination by YCRCDC Budget Overview				
Tasks	Budget			
	As of	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	Remaining
1 MEETING FACILITATION AND SUPPORT				
Labor				
Administrative Coordinator	\$15,400.00	-\$2,997.50	-\$1,897.50	\$10,505.00
Labor Total	\$15,400.00	-\$2,997.50	-\$1,897.50	\$10,505.00
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	-\$3,069.50	-\$1,897.50	\$11,198.00
2 PUBLIC OUTREACH				
Labor				
Administrative Coordinator	\$11,000.00	-\$2,667.50	-\$3,162.50	\$5,170.00
Outreach Coordinator	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
Labor Total	\$15,000.00	-\$2,667.50	-\$3,162.50	\$9,170.00
Materials				
IT Support/Computer	\$1,200.00	-\$300.00	-\$200.00	\$700.00
Materials Total	\$1,200.00	-\$300.00	-\$200.00	\$700.00
2 PUBLIC OUTREACH Total	\$16,200.00	-\$2,967.50	-\$3,362.50	\$9,870.00
3 DATA MANAGEMENT				
Labor				
Administrative Coordinator	\$13,200.00	-\$1,897.50	-\$1,237.50	\$10,065.00
Labor Total	\$13,200.00	-\$1,897.50	-\$1,237.50	\$10,065.00
3 DATA MANAGEMENT Total	\$13,200.00	-\$1,897.50	-\$1,237.50	\$10,065.00
4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC				
Labor				
Administrative Coordinator	\$15,400.00	-\$1,870.00	-\$1,265.00	\$12,265.00
Labor Total	\$15,400.00	-\$1,870.00	-\$1,265.00	\$12,265.00
4 OTHER DUTIES AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CC Total	\$15,400.00	-\$1,870.00	-\$1,265.00	\$12,265.00
5 ADMINISTRATION				
Administration				
Administration (15% on non-personnel)	\$294.75	-\$55.80	-\$30.00	\$208.95
Administration Total	\$294.75	-\$55.80	-\$30.00	\$208.95
5 ADMINISTRATION Total	\$294.75	-\$55.80	-\$30.00	\$208.95
Remaining	\$61,259.75	-\$9,860.30	-\$7,792.50	\$43,606.95

Item 2.d.

	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														
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	\$21,500.00	\$270,500.00
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	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$270,500.00
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	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$270,500.00
Water Resources Assoc of Yolo County(YSBGWA)	\$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	\$21,500.00	\$270,500.00
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	\$86,000.00	\$1,082,000.00
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	\$247,578.48	
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	\$1,564.46	\$2,722.15								\$15,792.01
Lake County Water Protection 2016-17 Small Grant					\$18,172.00	\$1,206.07					\$3,772.50			\$23,150.57
McCord Environmental		\$8,360.00						\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00					\$18,360.00
Putah Creek Council '15, '16, '23 small grant				\$2,500.00	\$11,039.14						\$1,081.25			\$14,620.39
Santa Ana Watershed Project RoR Yerly contribution								\$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				\$12,500.00										\$12,500.00
The Printer							\$3,443.09							\$3,443.09
Yolo County Flood Control 2016 state grant funds adju & 2023 small grant				\$11,780.62							\$2,282.38	\$900.00		\$14,963.00
YOLO COUNTY FC&WCD - FLOW METER INSTALLATION AT GRUMPY GOATS FARM													\$1,817.62	\$1,817.62
Yolo County RCD - admin coordination	\$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	\$56,879.90	\$53,225.99	\$14,127.80	\$663,624.99
Winters Middle School -2023 small grant MELANIE ELLISON											\$871.18			\$871.18
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	\$17,445.42	\$851,866.94
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	\$230,133.06	\$230,133.06

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December 2025 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 to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

DWR's Underrepresented Communities and Small Farmer 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.**

Upcoming conferences, webinars, new reports and data

DWR Seeks Public Comment on Released Draft California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025

DWR released the [Draft California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118 – Update 2025 \(CalGW Update 2025\)](#), opening a 45-day public comment period (**ending December 5th**). CalGW Update 2025 provides a comprehensive inventory and assessment of available information on the occurrence and nature of groundwater and informs decisions on the protection, use, monitoring and management of the resource. This five-year update builds on the CalGW Update 2020 by integrating data submitted to DWR by local agencies under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including information reported in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), Alternatives to GSPs, annual reports, and other groundwater initiatives. CalGW Update 2025 is part of a comprehensive suite of resources designed to support groundwater understanding and management across the state, including the [Semi-Annual Updates](#), [CalGW Live](#), and the [Basin Characterization](#) program. The full document as well as a highlights document (in English and Spanish) and all appendices can be [downloaded here](#).

DWR presented an overview of the Draft CalGW Update 2025 at a public virtual webinar meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from noon to 1:00 p.m. The [recording can be viewed here](#) in English or Spanish.

Preliminary Sac Valley Aquifer Recharge Potential Maps Available

New: [Aquifer Recharge Potential maps](#) and a [process document](#) are now available to download from the [Basin Characterization CNRA Open Data Portal](#). Note– we'll be updating the ARP Process Document later in October.

October BCX webinar: Lessons Learned on Heterogeneity and How Those Can Simplify Flow Model Parameterization

The November [Basin Characterization Exchange](#) (BCX) virtual presentation on presentation by DWR's California's Groundwater-Bulletin 118 team, who provided an overview of [CalGW Update 2025](#) with a focus on the newly available Basin Characterization content. The meeting recording and presentation slides are now available on the [BCX Hub](#).

The next BCX meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The session will feature a presentation by Rick Cramer and Ken Ehman on using Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy (ESS) to construct geologic models based on data collected in the environmental and groundwater sectors. Visit the [webinar event page](#) to register

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Fall Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Forum: November 19th, 2025

DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Office held a Fall 2025 GSA Forum Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. **The theme is SGMA after 10-years – How to Keep the Momentum Going.** The GSA Forum featured interviews with GSA representatives, highlighting approaches they have taken to navigate SGMA implementation challenges. These critical insights will include discussions of onboarding GSA staff, and experiences towards making progress on projects and management actions. DWR also hosted a Q&A session about Periodic Evaluations and an informational session on current and planned tools, resources, and opportunities to aid GSAs during implementation. A recording of the general session will be posted to the [California DWR YouTube channel](#) as soon as it is available.

DWR Releases Subsidence DRAFT BMP and Educational Resource Webpage

DWR) has released a [draft Best Management Practices document](#) for public comment, to help local water agencies address land subsidence, support groundwater reliant communities, and help meet objectives set by SGMA. The public comment period has closed and **the BMP is expected to be finalized around the end of 2025.**

DWR has also launched of a [new webpage dedicated to providing educational resources and information about land subsidence](#) in California, particularly as it relates to groundwater use and sustainable groundwater management. The resources available on this page are designed to help the public better understand subsidence and associated potential impacts. The page will be updated with educational materials, data, best management practices, and project information as it is available.

DWR Releases Second and Third Paper on Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water

To help GSAs address the depletion of interconnected surface water (ISW) in their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), the DWR released the second and third in a series of three draft papers that discuss the technical aspects of ISW and quantification of depletions of ISW caused by groundwater pumping. The first paper (Paper 1), [Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water: An Introduction](#), introduced concepts associated with ISW, including approaches for identifying ISW and defining depletion of ISW from groundwater pumping. The second paper (Paper 2), [Techniques for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues the foundational concepts presented in Paper 1 by discussing the data requirements, methods, and general implementation process to consider for ISW depletion analyses. The final paper (Paper 3), [Examples for Estimating Interconnected Surface Water Depletion Caused by Groundwater Use](#), continues and expands upon the topics presented in Paper 2 by providing detailed examples of using numerical models to evaluate depletion of ISW. A pre-recorded webinar that summarizes the contents of the three papers and describes the next steps in the development of the guidance document [can be viewed here](#).

The DRAFT ISW guidance document is *tentatively* scheduled for end 2025 or early 2026 for public release.

SGMA Updates and Tools

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.

The CASGEM Online System is Moving to the SGMA Portal July of 2026

The Department is beginning to integrate the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring \(CASGEM\) Program's Online System](#) with the [SGMA Portal's](#) Monitoring Network Module (MNM). This integration will

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streamline groundwater elevation data management and reporting processes by consolidating data submission into one location – the SGMA Portal's MNM. Our goal is to provide a more unified and efficient user experience for local agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

No action is required at this time. With the updated schedule, CASGEM Monitoring Entities and Online System users do not need to take any steps between now and July 2026. CASGEM Monitoring Entities and Online System users should submit their Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 data through the CASGEM Online System as normal.

If you have questions, please reach out to your DWR region office CASGEM contact ([here](#)) or to the CASGEM Program in Headquarters at CASGEM@water.ca.gov.

2023 Provisional Statewide Crop Mapping data was released in December of 2024 and the final 2022 data set was released March of 2025. The data sets include multi-cropping information. The 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 Geportal](#) (viewing and downloading).

Facilitation Support Service and Translation Services Available to GSA's at No Cost

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. [FAQ about FSS is available here](#). More information [can be found here](#). Written translation services available in 8 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum). DWR has **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.

Reminders: Drought related tools & guidance

'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](#).

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

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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.

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

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.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the [Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update](#), which provides a look back at groundwater conditions following California's historic 2023 Water Year and an average 2024 Water Year. It also summarizes groundwater conditions over the first 10 years of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation (2014-2024).

Summary of the IRWM Transition Plan

Introduction

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) has been a key driver of collaborative water management in California. The program is evolving into the Watershed Resilience Program, aiming for more holistic, climate-resilient, and inclusive approaches.

Purpose of the Transition Plan

The Transition Plan supports California's 48 IRWM Regions in securing funding, expanding collaboration, and adapting to the new Watershed Resilience Program. It addresses the challenges of declining funding and increasing regional issues like wildfire, drought, and climate change.

Desired Outcomes

Key objectives include:

- Supporting and developing existing IRWM groups.
- Promoting diversity and inclusivity.
- Securing funding for aligned planning and projects.

Watershed Networks and the California Water Plan Update 2023

The Plan encourages forming broad watershed networks, engaging diverse stakeholders (local agencies, tribal governments, nonprofits), and focusing on equity, climate science, and watershed-scale planning.

Roles and Responsibilities

Roundtable of Regions

- Lead communication and coordination among IRWM members and partners.
- Promote diversity and equity by including underrepresented groups.
- Align regional priorities with state goals.
- Advocate for IRWM interests and funding.

IRWM Administrators

- Provide diverse perspectives and support collaboration.

- Identify new areas for collaborative efforts.
- Develop new plans to address current regional challenges.
- Score and rank projects based on priorities.
- Form smaller workgroups for specific issues (e.g., wildfire, drought).
- Collaborate with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs).
- Promote data sharing and integrate traditional ecological knowledge.

Nonprofits and NGOs

- Promote community engagement and equity.
- Assist in grant applications and advocate for inclusive policies.

DWR and State Agencies

- Provide technical guidance and support.
- Facilitate involvement and align goals with IRWM regions.
- Coordinate funding and reporting requirements.

Funding Resources

Potential sources include state and federal grants, nonprofit grants, and local municipal bonds.

Next Steps

- Engage key stakeholders through planning meetings.
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities.
- Develop local action plans.
- Identify and secure funding.
- Monitor and evaluate progress using clear metrics.
- Promote ongoing communication and annual review of the Transition Plan.

Conclusion

The Transition Plan aims to enhance collaboration, diversity, and alignment with statewide objectives, ensuring resilient and equitable water management across California.

Additional Considerations for Funding

Successful proposals should:

- Demonstrate regional collaboration.
- Incorporate equity and inclusion.
- Align with statewide priorities and leverage existing IRWM plans.
- Maintain active communication among all stakeholders.

Additional relevant information from DWR (from 1/14/26 Admin Coordinator Report):

d. [Stakeholder Perspectives](#) - Strategy 1 is focused on alignment and these ideas are still relevant. We would benefit from revisiting these recommendations in the context of the Watershed Resilience Program as well as ongoing IRWM

e. Watershed networks are the next generation of regional water/land/eco-resource collaboration in CA, building on and extending the IRWM collaborative framework.

f. <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Docs/Update2023/Supporting-Documents/Addressing-Complex-Problems-Together-A-Network-Story.pdf>



IRWM Transition Plan: A Proposal for Regional Leaders and Policy Makers

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Introduction

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)¹ has been a cornerstone of water management in California, fostering collaboration among local government agencies, Native American Indian Tribes, community members, and state agencies to address water challenges comprehensively. The Roundtable of IRWM Regions (Roundtable) has played a pivotal role in coordinating with IRWM practitioners across the State and ensuring effective implementation of IRWM.

Building on IRWM's collaborative foundation, DWR is guiding the program's evolution through its new Watershed Resilience Program, which broadens the scope of integrated management to emphasize holistic watershed health, climate resiliency, and inclusive engagement. This shift will create new opportunities for partnerships and expanded strategies, which are discussed further in this plan.

As the Roundtable looks to the future of IRWM, it is essential to reflect on the journey of IRWM and this group. The [California Water Plan Update 2023](#) and the [20th-anniversary IRWM video](#) developed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) offer valuable insights into the evolving water landscape and the significance of collaborative approaches in addressing water management issues. A key takeaway from these resources is that continued integration, inclusive engagement, and adaptation will be critical to ensuring long-term resilience and sustainable outcomes for communities across California.



Purpose of the IRWM Transition Plan

The purpose of the IRWM (Transition Plan) is to ***assist the 48 IRWM Regions (shown in Appendix A) in identifying funding available at the state level***, such as 2024's "Proposition 4, the Parks, the Environment, Energy, and Water Bond Measure." This Transition Plan also ***outlines a path for the IRWM Regions to grow their collaborative working groups and governing bodies in response to DWR's intended shift to a Watershed Resilience Program***. The Transition Plan will also help IRWM utilize new opportunities to collaborate at the regional level and help local programs that may not label themselves officially as IRWM regions.

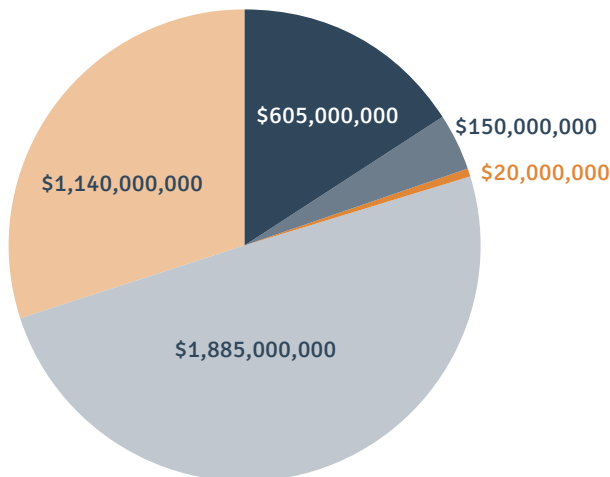
The decline in bond funding designated for IRWM regions coupled with the rise in complex regional issues such as catastrophic wildfire, drought, and climate change make the Transition Plan a critical document for IRWM. Figure 1 shows the funding allocations from the most recent resources bond.

The Roundtable's April 2021 Report on the Strengths and Needs of the IRWM Program found the following:

"While [State] IRWM guidelines only require RWMGs to have 3 or more local agencies or organizations as part of the governance structure and that two of the entities must have statutory authority over water, the members of most RWMGs are water agencies, cities and counties."

FIGURE 1

Prop 4 Water-Focused Funding



- Protect and increase California water supply and water quality
- Reduce flood risk and improve stormwater management
- Improve watershed resilience and to protect and restore rivers, lakes, and streams
- Streamflow Enhancement Program
- Nature Education Facilities

Due to declining active IRWM regions, it is necessary to act quickly and leverage institutional knowledge, experience, and trust between organizations as well as the plans and studies that have been developed through the IRWM program before they are out of date and trust needs to be entirely rebuilt.

Desired Outcomes for an IRWM Transition

Implementing this Transition Plan will require a high level of involvement from local IRWM administrators, State agencies, and funders.

The objectives for the transition include:

- 1 Support and develop existing regional IRWM collaborative groups and governing bodies such that they can continue advocating for local water resources management needs, policies, and programs through the IRWM transition.
- 2 Promote diversity and inclusivity within the IRWM regions and future state regional programs by incorporating the guidance from the CA WPU 2023 into planning documents.
- 3 Secure funding for regional planning and projects that align with appropriate state-agency priorities.

The California Water Plan Update 2023 suggests broadening engagement within IRWM Regions and watersheds to encourage the formation of networks involving local agencies, tribal governments, community leaders, and non-profit organizations. One particular section describes these “Watershed Networks.”

California Water Plan Update 2023

In support of the Watershed Resilience Program, DWR envisions the formation of local watershed networks built around commitments to inclusive governance and decision-making, cutting edge climate science, and planning at appropriate watershed scales. In some regions, these networks may be new entities formed where there are currently gaps in watershed-scale collaboration. In other regions, networks could be built off existing governance and regional planning efforts, such as IRWM groups, groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs), regional flood management planning groups, regional forest and fire capacity groups, stormwater management planning groups, water quality collaboratives, sewershed networks, and other regional and Tribal planning efforts.

Watershed networks provide all water-related sectors a seat at the table to collaborate on understanding climate vulnerabilities and system function of watersheds and associated aquifers and groundwater basins, formulating multi-benefit adaptation and management strategies, and tracking watershed outcomes for transparency and accountability. Watershed networks will be locally led, State supported, and centered in equity so that underrepresented voices can engage as equals.

Because DWR envisions equity and inclusion as being a critical focus for watershed networks, the networks should have broad and inclusive representation. They will provide enhanced support to underserved and underrepresented communities and Tribes by facilitating their participation, promoting capacity building, and assuring equitable benefits and impacts. Tribes should play key roles in watershed networks, utilizing Traditional or Tribal Ecological Knowledge and practices of watershed-scale management to adapt to climate impacts.

By reconfiguring the focus of IRWM regions to align with certain priorities specified in the California Water Plan Update 2023, the Roundtable aims to ensure that local IRWM efforts, which are each unique in size and capacity, are closely aligned with statewide objectives.

It’s also critical that a transitioned IRWM reflects the goals of local entities. Some Regions are large (geographically or by population), and they have divided into sub-regions. A few Regions also have large agencies (water agencies, cities, or counties) that help smaller organizations build capacity.

Implementation will require a high level of involvement from local IRWM administrators, state agencies, and funders.

Roles and Responsibilities Under Transition

Roundtable of Regions

Formed in 2004, the Roundtable is an all-volunteer forum of IRWM regions that currently meets bi-monthly and pools resources to fund a Network Coordinator consultant (currently Water Systems Consulting, Inc.).

The Roundtable was formed following the 2002 passage of the Proposition 50 Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection bond and initially focused on coordinating its feedback to DWR, who managed the Proposition 50 IRWM planning and implementation grants.

Since its inception, members have participated in numerous conference calls and seven summits, and the Roundtable has conducted four comprehensive surveys of the membership. Historically, these activities have provided an opportunity for members to share successes and challenges and to advise DWR regarding the IRWM grant programs.

Under a transition, there would be new and ongoing responsibilities for the members of the Roundtable of Regions, including:

LEADING COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION	PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND EQUITY	ALIGNING REGIONAL PRIORITIES	ADVOCATING FOR MEMBERS
<i>(Ongoing and Enhanced)</i> Foster stronger collaboration among members through regular meetings and conferences, enhancing engagement with entities like groundwater sustainability agencies and forest-health partnerships. IRWM will facilitate communication and coordination among members by holding regular meetings and periodic conferences. The audience for this increased coordination is not only existing IRWM administrators, but individuals and organizations who could benefit from this IRWM transition such as groundwater sustainability agencies and forest-health partnerships.	<i>(New)</i> Support inclusive representation across leadership and membership, actively inviting underrepresented groups such as tribal communities and minority-led organizations to participate. Training sessions on cultural competency and inclusive leadership will be offered to enhance diversity efforts. Ensure diversity and equity across membership and leadership by proactively invite underrepresented groups, including tribal and disadvantaged communities and minority-led organizations, to join.	<i>(New)</i> Focus on consolidating shared goals and strategies across IRWM regions, ensuring alignment with broader regional and state objectives. Provide a gateway for discussions with DWR on local priorities.	<i>(Ongoing and Enhanced)</i> Champion the interests of IRWM regions, providing a unified voice in advocating for funding and policy support from state agencies and other stakeholders. Advocate on behalf of the unique needs of members and drive larger initiatives within the membership. This can be done by utilizing the 2017 Stakeholders Perspectives document drafted by DWR with input from IRWM regions. While aging, this document has various recommended strategies that are still relevant to this IRWM transition.



IRWM Administrators

IRWM administrators are often staff from the lead agency that administers the regional governance structures (known as Regional Water Management Groups³) as well as public workgroups that were formed, in part, to comply with the [IRWM Regional Acceptance Process \(RAP\)](#).

Per DWR's guidelines, the RAP is used to evaluate and accept an IRWM region so they can apply for IRWM grant funding when it is made available. IRWM administrators lead management of grant funding agreements between DWR and various local entities. These local entities will often enter into their own individual agreements with the IRWM administrators to receive grant funding from DWR for their projects via the administrator. Some IRWM administrators manage regional efforts beyond the requirements of the RAP, such as the [North Coast Resource Partnership](#) which manages Federal Emergency Management Agency grants on behalf of various local partners.

Under a transition, the Administrators' responsibilities include:

- **Contributing Perspectives: (Ongoing)** Provide diverse perspectives and support initiatives that grow the parties that participate actively in IRWM-led collaboration. This can be done by leading unique events such as milestone celebrations attended by project leads and local community members.
- **Identifying Collaboration Areas: (New)** Actively participate in local collaborative efforts by serving on regional committees such as forest-resiliency workgroups, water quality compliance collaboratives, staff-level groundwater sustainability agency workgroups. While serving on these groups, identify opportunities for collaboration.
- **Conducting Planning Efforts: (New)** Utilizing previously-approved IRWM plans as a starting point, develop new plans that focus on adaption to current local challenges. These include catastrophic wildfire, climate change, drought, and more. Plans should be centered around project concepts that address local challenges and prepare regions for implementation grant applications and/or cost share agreements.
- **Scoring Projects: (Ongoing)** According to the Roundtable of Regions April 2021 Report on the Strengths and Needs of the IRWM Program, slightly less than half of the Regions scored and ranked new projects when initially submitted. More commonly, regions scored and ranked projects in preparation for project selection in response to a grant opportunity. It is recommended that IRWM Regions continue and even strengthen the ranking of projects for the purpose of understanding which projects meet the priorities of the region. This is predicated on IRWM Regions continuing their planning to determine their priorities (see above).
- **Establishing Smaller Workgroups Under a Regional Umbrella: (New)** To effectively plan and implement projects for specific challenges, such as wildfire and drought, IRWM administrators should have smaller workgroups composed of key individuals to ensure their time is effectively utilized. A larger regional umbrella such as RWMGs should serve as the central umbrella entity that reaches final consensus on any key planning or project decisions.
- **Focusing on SGMA: (New)** SGMA was initiated in 2014 when then-Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a three-bill legislative package composed of AB 1739, SB 1168, and SB 1319, collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Rather than working separately in silos and competing for limited grant funds, the IRWM administrators and any active GSAs in their region should collaborate at the appropriate scale to plan collectively and implement projects and solutions that will provide benefits to both programs and the region as a whole.
- **Facilitating Data Sharing: (Ongoing)** Promote data sharing related to water resources such as groundwater elevation monitoring and joint resource management. In the past, some regions have developed specific tools including data and water yield models, GIS layers, and other technical solutions. Others have partnered to share groundwater well vulnerability data.
- **Integrating Ecological Knowledge: (Ongoing)** There is a need for continued development of appropriate ties between Native American Tribes, government agencies, and other organizations that have intersecting or adjacent responsibilities. Administrators should include traditional ecological knowledge in resource management plans.
- **Engaging in Policy Discussions: (New)** As part of the effort to foster relationships with the groups above, participate in regional and state resource policy discussions with Native American Tribes.

³ DWR guidelines define Regional Water Management Groups (RWMGs) as “a group in which three or more local agencies, at least two of which have a statutory authority over water supply or water management, as well as those persons who may be necessary for the development and implementation of an IRWM Plan that meets the requirements in Water Code §10540 and §10541.”

Nonprofit Organizations and NGOs

Under a transition, NGOs responsibilities include:

- **Promoting Community Engagement:** *(New)* Nonprofits can host local workshops, forums, or listening sessions to gather feedback and inform communities about resources available for wildfire prevention, climate adaptation, and water scarcity. By partnering with IRWM administrators, they ensure that local voices shape regional decision-making and project selection.
- **Assisting in Grant Applications:** *(New)* NGOs can leverage their expertise in funding requirements to help local partners and IRWM administrators identify, apply for, and secure relevant grants. Their support includes coordinating stakeholder input, drafting proposals, and ensuring equity considerations are woven into each step of the application process.
- **Advocating for Equitable Policies:** *(Ongoing)* Advocacy groups can collaborate with underserved communities—including Tribal, disadvantaged, and minority-led organizations—to advance resource management policies that address historical inequities. By participating in legislative processes and public forums, nonprofits help create an inclusive water governance framework.

Funding Resources

Various funding avenues are available to support the implementation of the Transition Plan and advance IRWM efforts. More specifics about the following is provided in Appendix C.

- **State Grants and Loans**
- **Nonprofit Grants**
- **Federal Grants and Loans**
- **Local Municipal Bonds**

Next Steps

To successfully implement this Transition Plan, take the following steps:

Engage Key Stakeholders:

The Steering Committee should host a planning meetings with local IRWM practitioners, state agencies, tribal governments, and community leaders to discuss the integrated path and gather additional input. Attendees should be “thought leaders” in the field of IRWM. Depending on funding, the meeting should take place in Sacramento and be facilitated.

Refine Roles and Responsibilities:

Clearly define and communicate the roles and responsibilities of all involved parties to ensure alignment with the goals of the Transition Plan.

DWR and Other State Agencies

Under a transition, state agency responsibilities include:

- **Providing Guidance and Support:** *(New)* DWR and other state agencies could offer technical assistance, policy direction, and best practices to ensure IRWM regions align their goals with statewide water management objectives. By actively engaging with IRWM administrators and stakeholders, they reinforce collaboration aimed at mitigating issues like drought, wildfire threats, and climate change impacts.
- **Facilitating Roundtable Involvement:** *(Ongoing)* Include the Roundtable in decision-making processes and integrate their feedback into plans.
- **Conducting State-Wide Strategic Planning:** *(New)* Through comprehensive implementation plans, DWR and other agencies should translate department-wide objectives into actionable steps that consider the priorities of IRWM regions, focusing on long-term resilience and equity. This planning process includes coordinating grant opportunities and ensuring consistent metrics for evaluating success across multiple regions.
- **Ensuring Goal Alignment:** *(New)* It’s imperative that agencies coordinate amongst themselves and with IRWM administrators to harmonize project goals, funding cycles, and reporting requirements. Aligning these efforts reduces duplication, streamlines resource allocation, and maximizes benefits for communities and ecosystems statewide.
- **Participating in Roundtable-led Initiatives:** *(Ongoing)* By engaging in Roundtable meetings, summits, and collaborative forums, state agencies gain insight into regional challenges and successes. Such participation fosters mutual trust, encourages knowledge-sharing, and supports continuous improvement of statewide water resource policies and programs.

Develop Detailed Action Plans:

Local action plans for key initiatives, such as enhancing collaboration, promoting equity, and integrating traditional ecological knowledge.

Identify and Secure Funding:

Explore various funding avenues, including government grants, nonprofit grants, bonds, and loans, to support the implementation of the Transition Plan.

Monitor and Evaluate Progress:

The Steering Committee should develop metrics to monitor the progress of the Transition Plan and evaluate its effectiveness in achieving desired outcomes. Adjust strategies as needed based on feedback and performance data.

Next Steps (cont)

Promote Communication and Outreach:

The Steering Committee should coordinate with IRWM regional leads to establish communication strategies to keep all stakeholders informed about the progress of the Transition Plan and encourage ongoing engagement and collaboration.

Annual Transition Plan Review and Update:

Ensure that the Transition Plan aligns with the broader strategic plans of the Department of Water Resources (DWR), [State Water Resources Control Board, CAL FIRE](#), and other state agencies, including the Watershed Resilience Program.

Conclusion

This IRWM Transition Plan outlines an approach to enhancing collaboration and integration by starting with the foundation of IRWM. By aligning with certain elements of the California Water Plan Update 2023 and implementing the roles and responsibilities described herein, the Roundtable aims to foster a more resilient and sustainable resource management system in California. The Roundtable should play a pivotal role in facilitating communication, promoting diversity, and ensuring that regional priorities align with statewide objectives. This Transition Plan underscores the importance of collaboration among local practitioners, state agencies, and community leaders to address resource challenges effectively and equitably.



Appendix A

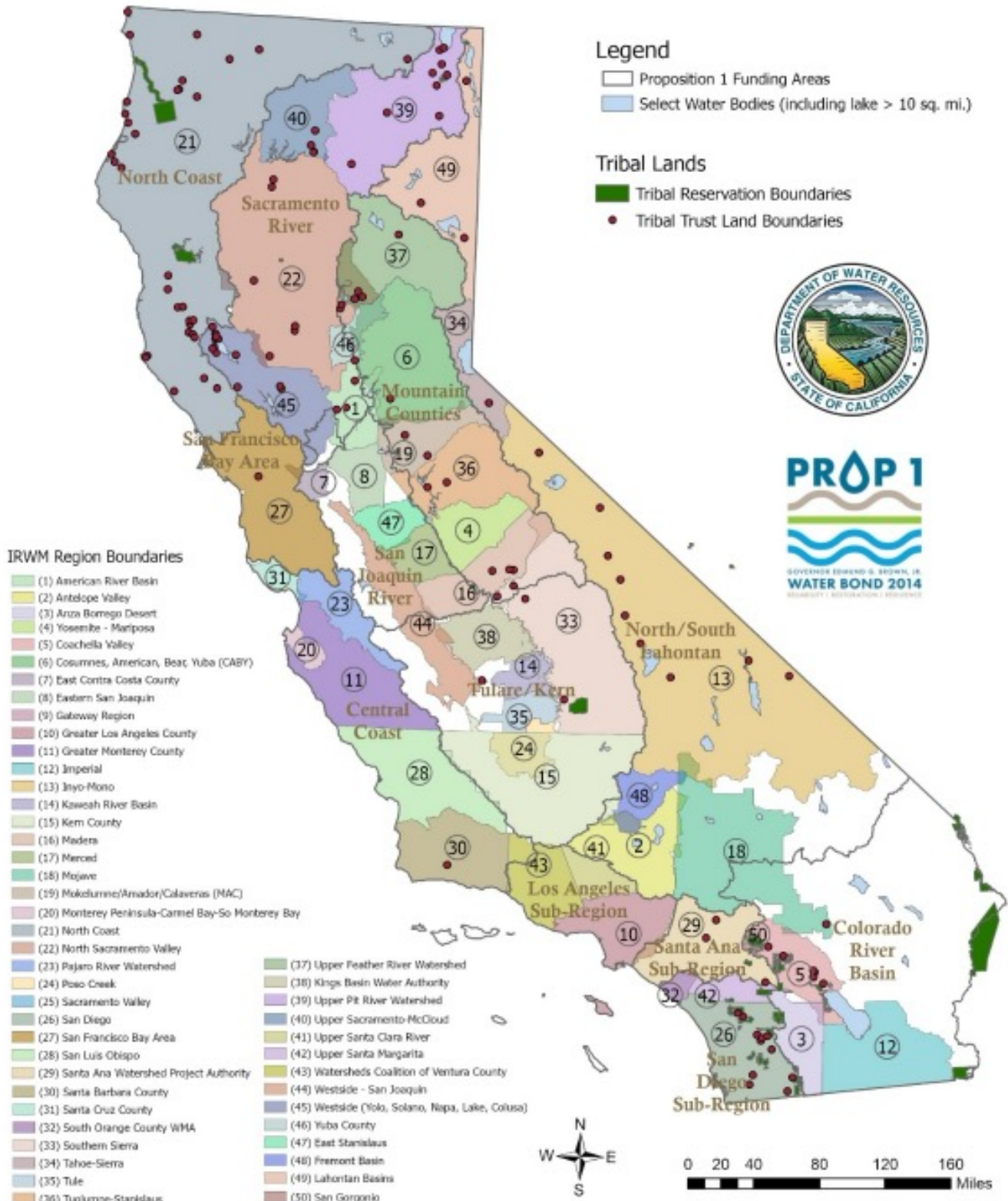
IRWM Regions

1. American River Basin
2. Antelope Valley
3. Anza Borrego Desert
4. Yosemite - Mariposa
5. Coachella Valley
6. Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY)
7. East Contra Costa County
8. Eastern San Joaquin
9. Gateway Region
10. Greater Los Angeles County
11. Greater Monterey County
12. Imperial
13. Inyo-Mono
14. Kaweah River Basin
15. Kern County
16. Madera
17. Merced
18. Mojave
19. Mokelumne/Amador/Calaveras (MAC)
20. Monterey Peninsula-Carmel Bay-So Monterey Bay
21. North Coast
22. North Sacramento Valley
23. Pajaro River Watershed
24. Poso Creek
25. Sacramento Valley
26. San Diego
27. San Francisco Bay Area
28. San Luis Obispo
29. Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
30. Santa Barbara County
31. Santa Cruz County
32. South Orange County WMA
33. Southern Sierra
34. Tahoe-Sierra
35. Tule
36. Tuolumne-Stanislaus
37. Upper Feather River Watershed
38. Kings Basin Water Authority
39. Upper Pit River Watershed
40. Upper Sacramento-McCloud
41. Upper Santa Clara River
42. Upper Santa Margarita
43. Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
44. Westside - San Joaquin
45. Westside (Yolo, Solano, Napa, Lake, Colusa)
46. Yuba County
47. East Stanislaus
48. Fremont Basin
49. Lahontan Basins
50. San Geronio

Appendix B

IRWM Region Map

Integrated Regional Water Management Funding Areas | IRWM Regions | California Tribal Lands



Appendix C

Grants and Loans

A variety of grants and loans can help implement projects and initiatives under this Transition Plan. This appendix outlines key details about state-level, federal, nonprofit, and municipal bond funding options. While not exhaustive, these resources serve as starting points for IRWM Regions looking to advance water management, climate resilience, and equity goals.

1. State Grants and Loans

Overview:

California offers multiple programs tailored to support local and regional water management initiatives. Many of these grants and loans are managed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and other state entities. Funding often comes through voter-approved bond measures—such as Propositions 50, 84, 1, and future bonds (including Proposition 4)—as well as revolving loan programs.

Key Opportunities:

- [IRWM Implementation Grants](#): Historically administered by DWR, these grants fund a broad spectrum of water management projects, including stormwater capture, drought preparedness, and water quality improvements. As IRWM transitions to a broader, more collaborative framework, future cycles of IRWM Implementation Grants (including potential Proposition 4 funding) will likely continue to support multi-benefit projects.
- [State Revolving Fund \(SRF\) Programs](#): The Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF programs offer low-interest loans to improve water infrastructure and protect public health. Projects that address water quality compliance, wastewater upgrades, and safe drinking water standards often qualify.
- [California Water Commission Programs](#): Initiatives like the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) can support large-scale storage and conveyance improvements, particularly those with ecosystem and public benefits

Application Tips:

- Review the specific eligibility criteria, timelines, and matching fund requirements for each grant or loan program.
- Engage your IRWM network early to build multi-stakeholder coalitions and demonstrate regional collaboration, a key factor in scoring criteria.
- Leverage existing IRWM Plans, feasibility studies, and stakeholder letters of support to strengthen grant proposals.

2. Federal Grants and Loans

Overview:

Federal agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offer grants and loans that can complement or expand state-funded efforts. These programs often focus on drought resilience, wildfire risk reduction, water infrastructure, and ecological restoration.

Key Opportunities:

- [USBR WaterSMART Programs](#): Provide funding for water efficiency, drought resiliency, and watershed management projects in the Western United States. Cost-sharing requirements typically exist, making partnerships with state or local entities advantageous.
- [USDA Rural Development Loans/Grants](#): Support water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in rural areas. Funding may include technical assistance, planning grants, and construction loans.
- [FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants](#): Help communities reduce the risk of disasters such as floods, wildfires, and drought. Projects that demonstrate clear mitigation benefits often rank highly in the application process.

Application Tips:

- Clearly illustrate how your project addresses federal priorities such as climate adaptation, infrastructure resilience, and environmental justice.
- Coordinate with state agencies to bundle federal and state funding, ensuring comprehensive support for large-scale initiatives.
- Use IRWM's existing partnerships to share data and resources, which can streamline the federal application process and bolster cross-agency support.

Appendix C

Grants and Loans

3. Nonprofit Grants

Overview:

Philanthropic foundations, nonprofit organizations, and corporate social responsibility programs can be valuable sources of funding, particularly for innovative, community-driven, or pilot projects. These grants often emphasize equity, community engagement, and environmental stewardship—making them a strong fit for IRWM Regions seeking to broaden public involvement and advance inclusive initiatives.

Key Opportunities:

- **Community and Environmental Foundations:** Organizations such as [the Water Foundation](#), the [California Endowment](#), and various local community foundations often issue grants supporting water resilience, sustainable agriculture, and climate adaptation.
- **Private Corporate Foundations:** Some corporations with an environmental or social mission offer grants to support water stewardship, watershed restoration, and educational outreach.
- **Capacity-Building Grants:** Many nonprofits focus on strengthening local leadership and organizational effectiveness, which can help IRWM Regions expand their technical and administrative capacities to deliver on broader project goals.

Application Tips:

- Demonstrate tangible community benefits—particularly for disadvantaged or underrepresented groups—in the project scope.
- Emphasize partnerships, volunteer engagement, and leveraged resources, which resonate strongly with philanthropic funders.
- Highlight measurable outcomes such as increased access to safe water, enhanced habitat conditions, or improved local resilience to climate impacts.

4. Local Municipal Bonds

Overview:

Municipal bonds allow cities, counties, and special districts to finance infrastructure projects—often at lower interest rates—by borrowing against future tax revenues or utility fees. Bonds can be structured in various ways, including general obligation bonds (secured by tax revenues) and revenue bonds (backed by project-generated income, like water or sewer fees).

Key Opportunities:

- **General Obligation (GO) Bonds:** Typically require voter approval and can fund a wide range of public works projects, including water supply and conservation measures.
- **Revenue Bonds:** Can be issued by water districts or joint powers authorities (JPAs) for specific projects. The repayment source is usually a dedicated revenue stream, such as water billing or user fees.

Application Tips:

- Develop a clear financial plan detailing how bond proceeds will be used and how debt service will be covered, whether through taxes, fees, or cost savings from improved infrastructure.
- Engage the public early to build support for bond measures, highlighting the long-term community benefits of water management improvements.
- Collaborate regionally when feasible, as joint issuance of bonds may reduce overhead costs and demonstrate broad voter backing.

Appendix C

Grants and Loans

Additional Considerations

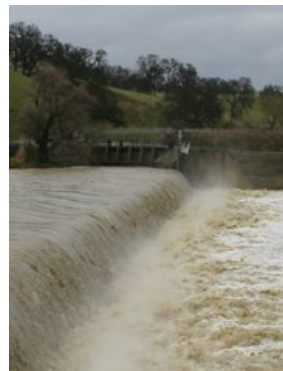
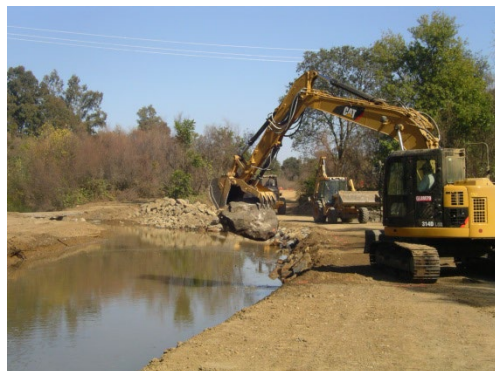
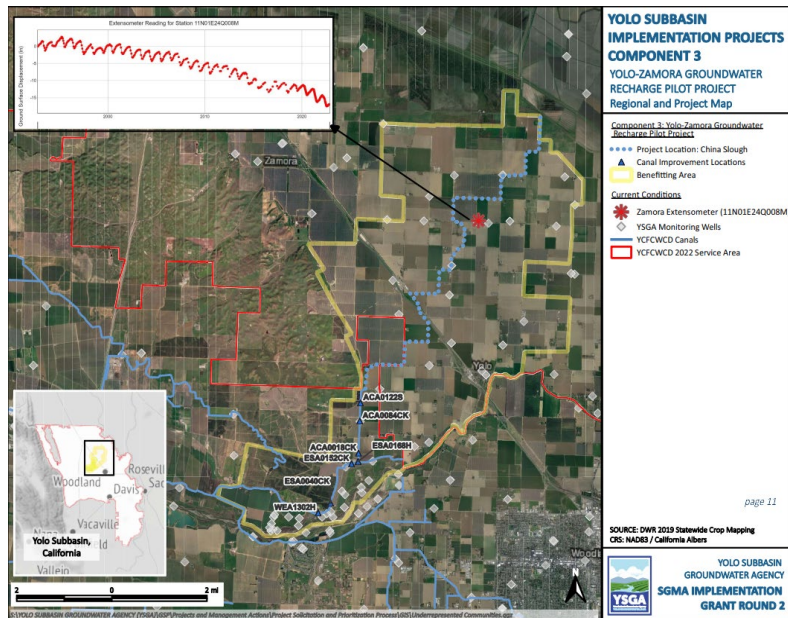
Regardless of the funding source, successful proposals under the state’s current priorities will:

- **Demonstrate Regional Collaboration:** Show that diverse stakeholders—including local agencies, Tribal governments, nonprofits, and community groups—are actively engaged.
- **Incorporate Equity and Inclusion:** Ensure that underrepresented communities benefit from project investments, capacity-building, and decision-making processes.
- **Align with Statewide Priorities:** Reference the California Water Plan Update 2023 and other key policy documents, emphasizing how the project furthers holistic water management and climate resilience.
- **Leverage Existing IRWM Plans:** Highlight the planning and coordination already completed under IRWM to strengthen funding applications and reduce duplication of effort.

This appendix serves as a guide to help IRWM Regions identify potential funding pathways, collaborate effectively, and secure the resources needed to implement the Transition Plan. As grant and loan programs evolve, maintaining communication with state and federal agencies, nonprofits, and local stakeholders will remain crucial for sustaining IRWM’s mission of integrated, equitable water management.



Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee Letter of Support Guidelines



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WESTSIDE SACRAMENTO IRWM COORDINATING COMMITTEE LETTER OF SUPPORT PROCEDURES

The Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee is frequently asked to sign letters of support for water- and natural resources-related projects within its jurisdiction. The success of the Westside IRWM 2019 Plan Update depends on the implementation of the projects within it and projects that support Plan Goals. Accordingly, the CC authorizes Yolo County Resource Conservation District staff to write letters of support for projects that support or implement the goals and objectives described below, as well as all projects approved for inclusion in the Plan. The CC Chair will review and sign the letters before they are provided to the person/entity requesting them.

Goal 1: Acknowledge and respect the cultural values and resources of the Region.

In 2010, the Westside Region included in its nearly 3,000 square miles a diverse population of almost 400,000 people and nearly 530,000 acres of farmland. With a long history of changing culture and landscapes, the Region remains home to a number of Native American tribes. This goal is intended to highlight the diverse cultural values and resources in the Region and to promote collaboration to preserve that diversity.

Goal 2: Improve education and awareness throughout the Region about water, watershed functions, and ecosystems and the need for sustainable resource management to protect community health and well-being.

Natural scientists and resource management professionals recognize the complex interdependencies between people, their use of water, watersheds, and associated ecosystems. Unfortunately, many others do not recognize or appreciate this interdependence. This goal underscores the importance of educating the citizens of the Region about their roles in this complex and dynamic water system and what they can do to help their communities and ecosystems to be healthy and thrive over the long term.

Goal 3: Improve the collective understanding of watershed characteristics and functions (natural and human-induced) within the Region as needed to respond effectively to evolving water resources management challenges and opportunities (e.g., climate change).

The watersheds within the Region are complex and dynamic. As human activities and water uses have changed and continue to change, the watersheds and other resources have also changed. This goal highlights the importance of continuing to learn more about the characteristics and functions of the watersheds in order to respond strategically and skillfully to future changes.

Goal 4: Improve the form and function of degraded natural channels.

Unfortunately, many of the natural channels in the Region have been altered significantly as land uses, water management, and flood protection practices have changed. In many cases, these changes have degraded important habitats and the water conveyance capacities of the channels. This goal emphasizes the need to improve the form and function of natural channels to allow them to provide multiple benefits and require less human intervention and maintenance over time.

Goal 5: Improve water-related public health across the Region and emphasize improvements for populations most in need.

Water plays a critical role in the public health of citizens within the Region. Everyone relies on water supplies for household use, sanitation, and food production. Also, the quality of the water for drinking and recreation can affect the health of people suddenly and over time. Several of the areas within the Region include Tribal communities and citizens who are considered economically disadvantaged. These population segments can be disproportionately challenged in achieving health. This goal emphasizes the need to continue to focus on improving public health, especially for those citizens who need support the most.

Goal 6. Preserve and enhance water-related recreational opportunities.

People enjoy a wide variety of recreational opportunities related to the water features of the Region. This goal acknowledges that efforts to sustain and enhance recreational opportunities into the future are an important component of integrated water management.

Goal 7. Preserve, improve, and manage water quality to meet designated beneficial uses for all water bodies within the Region.

A number of water quality concerns and challenges for surface water and groundwater exist throughout the Region. The level of concern or challenge about the water quality depends upon how the water is being used and the specific water body or aquifer being considered. This goal highlights the importance of improving the water quality within some water bodies as appropriate to water uses and of preserving water quality levels that are now within desirable ranges.

Goal 8. Promote reasonable use of water and watershed resources.

Water and natural resources within the Region play a central role in the health and well-being of its citizens. As population grows, it becomes increasingly important to use water and natural resources sustainably. One way to support sustainability is to avoid wasting water and other natural resources and to continue to implement cost-effective conservation and efficiency

improvements. Work towards achieving this goal will help reduce the Region's dependence on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for water supply.

Goal 9. Protect and enhance habitat and biological diversity of native and migratory species.

Much of the riparian habitats within the Region have been affected negatively by changes in land use, water management, and flood protection practices over the past 100 years. This goal underscores the importance of protecting and improving the remaining habitats in ways that benefit native and migratory species.

Goal 10. Provide reliable water supply of suitable quality for multiple beneficial uses (e.g., urban, agriculture, environmental, and recreation) within the Region.

People within the Region have many different uses for water that produce a variety of benefits. Providing these water supplies at the desired time, place, quantity, and quality requires (and will continue to require) significant effort and investments in maintaining and improving infrastructure and other systems to conjunctively manage groundwater and surface water, which will reduce dry-year dependence on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Supply reliability must also take into account potential changes in the amount, intensity, timing, quality, and variability of water resources, and potential impacts of sea level rise on SWP supplies.

Goal 11. Reduce the risks of disruptive natural and human-caused disturbances affecting the Region's water resources, including flooding, fire, and significant institutional interruptions that reduce resources management services.

People face numerous hazards within the Region that could harm their health and well-being. This goal highlights the importance of continuing to monitor, understand, and mitigate the range of hazards related to water and watershed management (such as floods, wildfires, budgetary crises, etc.) that could negatively impact the citizens of the Region.

Goal 12. Support improved regional water management through governance throughout the Region that uses science and collaboration to make fair and equitable decisions and investments.

This goal acknowledges the wide array of stakeholders and diverse interests within the Region and commits water managers within the Region to continue to use science and open, fair, and collaborative approaches to managing water resources and making decisions about investments that affect many people.

Goal 13. Support sustainable economic activities consistent with local and state government planning efforts within the Region.

This goal highlights the fact that all water management activities within the Region are carried out to support a stable and growing economy for citizens and communities over the long term. Among the many factors influencing economic stability and growth, integrated water management is one of the most crucial factors. Local and state government must continue to improve integrated water management to achieve the economic stability that is desired.



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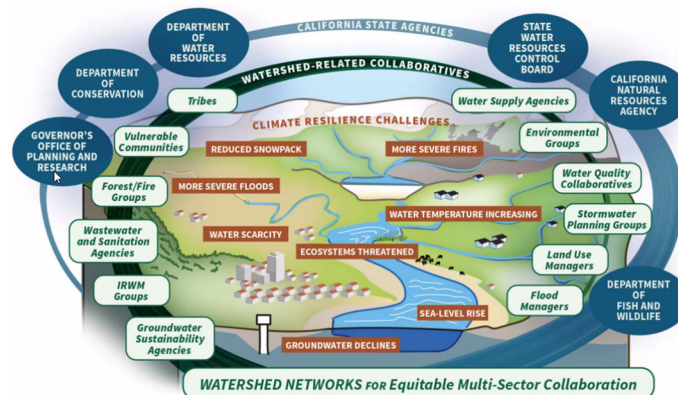
1. I attended an Environmental Protection Network webinar about EPA superfund and brownfields grants. The focus of the brownfields grants seems to be on contaminated areas within communities, which can be turned into parks, community centers, etc. [Webinar recording](#)
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2. On 12/10/25, I attended the Roundtable of Regions meeting. AI summary available here: https://otter.ai/u/7Pw1EZVdz6cvGHRMR2JI71zPfmw?utm_source=copy_url
 - a. Lynn Rodriguez and Lara Shellenbarger provided an overview of the Ventura Watershed Resilience journey.
 - i. Q: Do you have a lot of side workgroup meetings as part of your effort? Or can enough get done in the large stakeholder group meetings?
 - ii. Lara: We have a technical Advisory Group that has met 5 times thus far. You'll see a subpage on our project website for the AG with meeting agenda and materials. We've had two dedicated, larger forums and given several presentations at the regular (every-other-month) Watershed Council meetings.
 - iii. Lynn: We have MANY meetings. I should have highlighted that. We have our watershed council, which meets bi-monthly; an Advisory Group that meets bi-monthly; 4 forums (3 in person); and many administrative-level meetings with our consultants. It's a fairly intensive engagement process.
 - iv. <https://vcrd.org/venturawatershedresilience/>
 - v. Eric Tsai said that the watershed resilience program is their policy "North Star" and that IRWM and the WRP will form the framework for future planning opportunities. They are still working through the Prop 4 constraints. Overall, they are pleased with the pilots' results.
 - b. Ann Marie More will send a survey in January re: Prop 4 rollout, be on the lookout.
 - c. Looking ahead: collaboration with DWR
 - i. IRWM Transition Plan: A Proposal for Regional Leaders and Policy Makers
https://www.roundtableofregions.org/files/ugd/3de50a_c49ad8e676674f8781534b21ac3ca5b3.pdf
 - ii. Positive meeting with Joel Metzger on 11/24/25 with the intent of establishing open communication and collaboration between DWR and the RoR
 - iii. DWR requested additional detail on the following goal of the transition plan:
 1. Goal alignment: it's imperative that agencies coordinate amongst themselves and with IRWM administrators to harmonize project goals, funding cycles, and reporting requirements.
 2. What does it mean, tangibly, to harmonize project goals, funding cycles, and reporting requirements?

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- a. Information sharing between grant programs to clarify and align intentions
- b. Address any overlapping schedules and reporting requirements
- c. Coordinate to provide clear and consistent eligibility and interpretation of regulations
- d. Align and consider timelines for planning and implementation funding opportunities.

iv. Watershed Networks

Figure 5-1 Networks are an Integral Part of Supporting Watershed Resilience



- v.
- vi. The above graphic was used repeatedly – referred to as “IRWM on steroids” or one piece of the puzzle.

vii. See Prop 4, and Chapter 5 of the California Water Plan

- d. [Stakeholder Perspectives](#) - Strategy 1 is focused on alignment and these ideas are still relevant. We would benefit from revisiting these recommendations in the context of the Watershed Resilience Program as well as ongoing IRWM
 - e. Watershed networks are the next generation of regional water/land/eco-resource collaboration in CA, building on and extending the IRWM collaborative framework.
 - f. <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Docs/Update2023/Supporting-Documents/Addressing-Complex-Problems-Together-A-Network-Story.pdf>
3. 11/12/25 Roundtable of Regions Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement meeting, see DWR’s response to the ROR letter the CC signed, attached to this report, and the follow-up questions sent to DWR from the ROR Leadership Team, also attached.
 4. Update on the funding spreadsheet – I’m still sending it out at less frequent intervals because there are fewer opportunities. There promise to be lots of opportunities coming up next year as Prop 4 gets rolled out and several agencies.

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October 28, 2025

IRWM Roundtable of Regions
c/o Sierra Orr, Network Coordinator

Subject: Response to IRWM Roundtable Recommendations for Proposition 4 Funding

Dear Members of the IRWM Roundtable Steering Committee,

Thank you for your September 25, 2025 letter outlining recommendations on the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) implementation of Proposition 4: *Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024*. We value the time and thought you have invested in developing these recommendations and appreciate your long-standing partnership in advancing regional, multi-benefit water management across California.

After careful review, DWR offers the following response to the specific recommendations:

1. Integration with IRWM Plans and Governance

- *Your letter asked whether current IRWM plans could be used in lieu of requiring wholesale plan updates.* At this time, Proposition 4 does not explicitly provide funding for IRWM planning; however, funding may be made available for watershed resilience plans pending program development and public input. DWR is not committing to any specific requirements related to IRWM or other planning efforts until adequate public outreach has been conducted to help inform the solicitation.
- *Your letter asked whether DWR would allocate a portion of each Proposition 4 category through competitive block grants to IRWM regions.* There is no statutory authority for DWR to administer a block grant program. However, DWR recognizes the important role IRWM has played in fostering regional partnerships and developing project pipelines.

2. Clear, Coordinated Guidance and Schedules

- *Your letter asked whether a single, agency-wide Proposition 4 implementation roadmap would be published.* DWR agrees on the importance of clear guidance and coordination with other State agencies implementing Proposition 4. CNRA is developing a guide to all Proposition 4 programs that includes schedule information.
- *Your letter asked whether quarterly roundtable and DWR working sessions would be convened.* While DWR welcomes feedback from the Roundtable, we cannot host working sessions on the regulations limited to select groups. Public outreach must be broad and accessible to the public.

DWR does plan to convene early concept workshops in advance of public comment, to gather input from interested parties.

3. Eligible Projects

- *Your letter asked for maximum regional flexibility in project selection.* DWR agrees that Proposition 4 funding should allow for a range of project types to meet local and regional climate resilience needs. The list of eligible projects will be developed with public input, consistent with the provisions of Proposition 4 and the General Obligation Bond Law.

4. Implementation Timelines and Eligible Costs

- *Your letter asked to set default construction deadlines at 5-7 years.* Unlike General Fund appropriations, Proposition 4 bond funds do not have a set expiration date. However, to ensure responsible management of bond dollars, DWR plans to establish a reasonable solicitation end date. We will gather feedback during solicitation development on the appropriate timeframe.
- *Your letter asked whether DWR could cover permit pre-construction costs.* The eligible cost list for Proposition 4 is set by the bond language and General Obligation Bond Law and does allow pre-construction activities, technical assistance, and some capacity development activities.

5. Support for Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) and Tribes

- *Your letter asked whether DWR could offer advance payment options.* Proposition 4 allows for a 25% advanced payment, and DWR currently expects to include this provision in most programs. Additionally, the Financial Assistance Branch has overhauled existing materials and is developing clear guidance for recipients on the use of and reporting of advanced payment.
- *Your letter asked whether DWR could offer reduced local match requirements.* Proposition 4 does not require a match for state funds regardless of DAC status.
- *Your letter asked whether technical assistance dollars would be coordinated across agencies.* CNRA has convened a regular coordination group for all technical assistance programs under Proposition 4, and DWR continues to participate. While the creation of a single technical assistance program is unlikely given the bond's structure, DWR will minimize duplication wherever possible.

6. Preservation of Bond Funds

- *Your letter asked whether bond funds would be used to backfill existing projects.* Bond funds cannot legally be used to backfill existing funding sources for projects. This is a routine clause of all grant agreements under the Department.

7. Application Process

- *Your letter asked whether DWR would streamline access with a common application model.* DWR anticipates allowing flexibility in how applications are prepared and submitted to accommodate varying levels of grant capacity across applicants. This could include approaches similar to those used in past solicitations, where a single entity applies on behalf of a group of partners or regional participants.

We are committed to implementing Proposition 4 efficiently, transparently, and equitably, while ensuring compliance with statutory requirements. Your input helps inform our approach, and we look forward to continued collaboration as programs are developed.

Thank you again for your thoughtful recommendations and for your partnership in advancing California's water resilience.

Sincerely,



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Good afternoon Joel,

First, the Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee would like to thank you for the time that you, and other DWR staff, have taken to review and respond to the letter. It was truly a collaborative effort from the members, and we appreciate your feedback. It gave us clarity on several items. The Steering Committee met last week and have a few follow up questions.

Item 1. Integration with IRWM Plans and Governance.

Response - “Proposition 4 does not explicitly provide funding for IRWM planning; however, funding may be made available for watershed resilience plans pending program development and public input.”

Questions -

- Our understanding is that Proposition 4 will not provide any funding for *planning* activities. Is that correct?
- Related, do you anticipate that implementation funding will be contingent on the development of new planning documents, or if existing/updated IRWM plans would be sufficient?

Response – “There is no statutory authority for DWR to administer a block grant program.”

Question –

- For clarity, we take this to mean that no funds can or will be allocated to IRWM regions through block grants. Is that correct?

Item 2. Clear, Coordinated Guidance and Schedules

Response – “...we cannot host working sessions on the regulations limited to select groups. Public outreach must be broad and accessible to the public.”

Question/Response –

- The Steering Committee would encourage you to reference our distribution list as you send invitations to ensure current IRWM members are included in that broad and public process.

Item 4. Implementation Timelines and Eligible Costs

Response - “The eligible cost list for Proposition 4 is set by the bond language and General Obligation Bond Law and does allow pre-construction activities, technical assistance, and some capacity development activities.”

Question –

- Technical assistance and capacity development have historically been under the Planning category of work. Does this mean that TA or similar work would need to be tied specifically to implementation projects? We are asking to clarify the delineation between planning and implementation-type work, so agencies have realistic expectations.

Item 7. Application Process

Response – “DWR anticipates allowing flexibility in how applications are prepared and submitted to accommodate varying levels of grant capacity across applicants.”

Questions –

- Can the department comment on how you envision the application process? Will agencies submit applications directly to the state, or through a regional authority – or potentially both?
- Does DWR anticipate using the “Funding Area” designation to designate funding boundaries? Or, because that language is not included in Prop 4, will those delineations not be included in the guidelines?

The Steering Committee is also looking forward to our meeting to discuss the Transition Plan on the 24th. We are putting together an agenda for that meeting and will be sure to provide that in advance. We are happy to discuss these questions at that time or continue this dialogue via email.

Thank you again,

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Subject: RE: IRWM Proposition 4 Recommendation Letter

Sierra,

Thank you for sharing the Steering Committee's recommendations for implementing Proposition 4 funding. We appreciate the thoughtful work that went into developing them and the continued partnership with the IRWM Roundtable.

Please see the attached response from DWR addressing each recommendation. If you or the Steering Committee have any questions or would like to continue the conversation as program development moves forward, we welcome that opportunity.

Best regards,

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Subject: IRWM Proposition 4 Recommendation Letter

Dear Director Nemeth and esteemed colleagues,

On behalf of the Integrated Regional Water Management Roundtable of Regions and Steering Committee I submit to you the attached letter with recommendations for implementation of the Proposition 4 Funding. If you are amenable and interested, once you are ready, the Steering Committee would be happy to host a Proposition 4 guidelines workshop or to discuss any of the recommendations.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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