



Coordinating Across the Region

Upper Feather River RWMG

Regional Water Management Group meeting

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Summary of Challenges

- Climate change is having a significant impact on the Sierra Region
- Drought and fire are already hot issues
- Funding for DAC and Tribal outreach and involvement is limited
- Lack of coordination and integration of water management activities
- State Water Policy makers continue to under value the upper watersheds





Mission: to assist regional efforts to protect and enhance water quality, water supply, and watershed health; to develop cooperative regional responses; and to facilitate reinvestment in our watersheds and water resources by all beneficiaries.

- Coordination
- Raising our voice
- Information source & exchange
- Advocacy



History

2009

- SWWG was created with IRWMs and Sierra groups

2011

- Received DWR Facilitation grant
- Formalized membership with a charter

2012

- Held first Sierra-wide Summit

2013

- Held second “Annual” Summit
- Received DWR Facilitation Grant, Rose Foundation grant

2014-2015

- Held “Annual” Summit
- Co-sponsored by the California State Bar

2016

- DAC Workshop



Thirteen IRWMs

IRWMs in Bold have signed MOU

Upper Pitt River Watershed (39)

Lahontan Basins (49)

Upper Feather River Watershed (37)

Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY) (6)

Yuba County (46)

Tahoe-Sierra (34)

Mokelumne/Amador/Calaveras (MAC) (19)

Inyo-Mono (13)

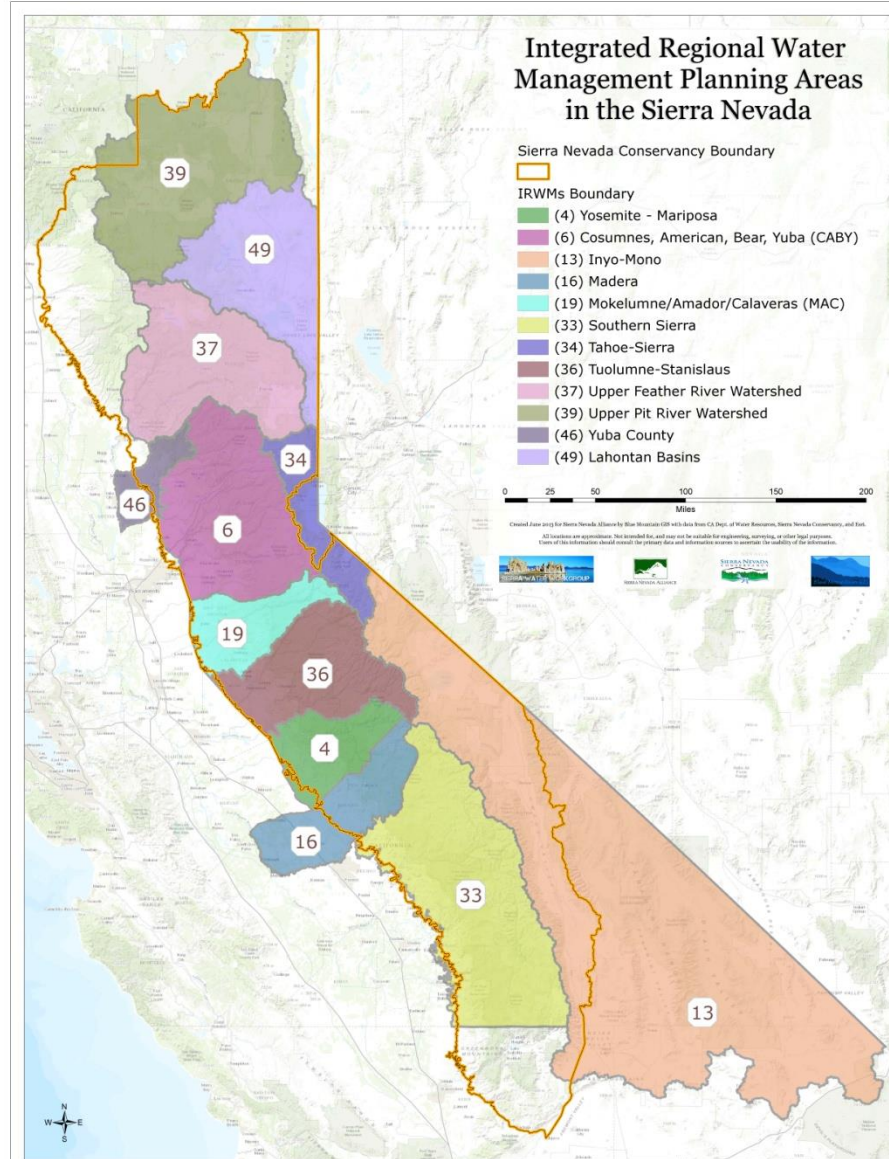
Tuolumne-Stanislaus (36)

Yosemite-Mariposa (4)

Madera (16)

Southern Sierra (33)

Upper Sacramento IRWM





Regional Organizations

Sierra Nevada Alliance
Sierra Business Council
American Rivers
Mountain Counties Water Resource Association
Association of California Water Agencies
California Tahoe Conservancy
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Department of Water Resources
Department of Fish & Game
Regional Council of Rural Counties
USDA Forest Service
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Multiple RCDs
County Governments

Who are we missing?

Stakeholders





Why officially join SWWG?

- Strengthen your regions role in cooperative regional responses
 - support letters or comments to the Ca. Legislature, State/Federal agencies
- Raises the profile of the Sierra by officially collaborating with other IRWMs
- Ensures active participation and information exchange by officially committing to coordination in the SWWG
- Access to the Data Management Tool for your region



Memorandum of Understanding

Officially join the SWWG and elevate IRWM in the Sierra

- Agreed upon principles
- All 12 IRWM Regions Assign Representative and Alternate
- Attend 3 meetings a year (by phone or in person)
- Consensus-based decision making
- Regional Stakeholders are non-voting members – regional organizations, state and federal agencies, tribal interests

Discussion



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