

**UPPER FEATHER RIVER**  
**REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP**

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**AGENDA FOR REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING OF  
MARCH 29, 2024 TO BE HELD AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE  
PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING CONFERENCE ROOM, 555 MAIN STREET, QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

**The Meeting will be held in-person with an option to participate remotely via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87229340120>

**Or by phone: (669) 900-6833 / Meeting ID: 872 2934 0120**

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**AGENDA**

The Regional Water Management Group of the Upper Feather River Integrated Regional Water Management Program welcomes you to its meetings, which are regularly held on the fourth Wednesday of every other month, and your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

Any item without a specified time on the agenda may be taken up at any time and in any order.

Any person desiring to address the Board shall first secure permission of the Regional Water Management Group Chair. Any public comments made during a regular Regional Water Management Group meeting will be recorded. Members of the public may submit their comments in writing to be included in the public record.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** These matters include routine administrative actions. All items on the consent calendar will be voted on at some time during the meeting under "Consent Agenda." If you wish to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda, you may do so by addressing the Chairperson.



**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact Tracey Ferguson at 530-283-6214. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. Auxiliary aids and services are available for people with disabilities.

## **STANDING ORDERS**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

### **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the RWMG for consideration. However, California law prohibits the RWMG from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the RWMG.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

1. Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District awarded nearly \$7.5 million in grant funding to implement the Sierra Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP):
  - a. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Round 2 Grant (\$5,445,000)
  - b. Plumas Watershed Forum Funding (\$1,220,000) managed by the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
  - c. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Restoration Grant Programs: Nature Based Solutions – [Wildlife corridors/ Wetlands and Mountain Meadows] (\$809,076)
2. Water Solutions Network Watershed Framework
3. Plumas Watershed Forum Grant Funded Projects
  - a. Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District Synergistic Sierra Valley Groundwater Recharge and Irrigation Efficiency Project (\$1,220,000)
  - b. Taylorsville Mill Race Farmers' Dam (Spillway) Resurfacing and Renovation Project (\$520,000)
4. Roundtable of Regions Updates

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The RWMG will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any RWMG members, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

#### **A) REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP BUSINESS**

1. Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) Meeting Summary for the regular meeting held on March 11, 2022. *Approve.*
2. Letters of Support, *ratify*:
  - a. Letter of Support for Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District's grant application to DWR for Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program's SGMA Implementation Round 2, June 9, 2023.
  - b. Letter of Support to include IRWM funding increased to \$660 million in AB 1567, April 10, 2023
3. Support Services Financial Report. *Informational.*

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **1. REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Membership and Representation. *Discussion and direction to staff.*
  - i. Almanor Basin Public Member Vacancy. *District 3 Supervisor McGowan Appointment.*
  - ii. Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Vacancy. *District Board Appointment.*
- b. Support Services for Fiscal Year 2024-25. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

**2. SUPERIOR-ENGELS MINES VESTED RIGHTS PROJECT**

The RWMG received an “open letter to everyone concerned about the future of the Feather River Watershed” from Tom Peltier, Greenville, California, with additional email correspondence requesting support by the RWMG and individuals to oppose the application before the Plumas County Zoning Administrator known as the Determination of Vested Rights (Plumas County Code Sec. 9-5.05) for the Engels-Superior Mines, California-Engels Mining Co (owner) and US Copper Corp (applicant) APN 007-080-004 (Engels Mine) and APN 007-090-003 (Superior Mine). *Discussion and direction to staff.*

**3. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF UPPER FEATHER RIVER IRWM PROGRAM AND THE RWMG**

The RWMG will consider assigning an ad-hoc committee to work with RWMG staff to develop strategies and options for the future of the Upper Feather River IRWM Program and RWMG. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

**4. PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 1 AND ROUND 2 IRWM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AND 2021 URBAN AND MULTIBENEFIT DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM (UMBDRP) PROJECTS**

Report on the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Rounds 1 and 2 and UMBDRP grant funding awards to Plumas County for two implementation projects awarded to Indian Valley Community Services District and the Sierraville Public Utilities District. *Informational.*

- a. Project 1 – Alternative Water Source Development Project (\$1,132,660 in Prop 1 Round 1 and UMBDRP funding), Sierraville Public Utilities District (update and presentation)
- b. Project 2 – North Main Water Use Efficiency, Reliability, and Extension Project (\$440,512 in Prop 1 Rounds 1 and 2 Funding), Indian Valley Community Services District (update)

**5. UPPER FEATHER RIVER IRWM PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT**

Presentation of the Annual UFR IRWM Plan Implementation Report for 2022-2023. *Accept and file.*

**6. FUTURE ITEMS**

Identification of future agenda items. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

**ADJOURNMENT**