

UPPER FEATHER RIVER
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

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**AGENDA FOR REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING OF
MARCH 28, 2025 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/81985158297>

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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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Grant Updates:
 - 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) Synergistic Sierra Valley Groundwater Recharge and Irrigation Efficiency Project.
 - c. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Restoration Grant Programs: Nature Based Solutions – [Wildlife corridors/ Wetlands and Mountain Meadows] (\$809,076).
2. Plumas Watershed Forum Grant Funded Project – Taylorsville Mill Race Farmers’ Dam (Spillway) Resurfacing and Renovation Project (\$520,000) Update.
3. Grant Close-Out – February 13, 2025 – Proposition 1 Round 1 and Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant and 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program (UMBDRP) Project:
 - a. Grant Administration for Plumas County (\$98,061)
 - b. Project 1: Alternative Water Source Development for Sierraville Public Utilities District (\$1,132,660)
 - c. Project 2: North Main Water Use Efficiency, Reliability and Extension Project for Indian Valley Community Services District (\$440,512)
4. Coordination with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for IRWM Plan Implementation Possible Project Funding Source.
5. Post-Wildfire Recovery and Water Quality Testing Information.
6. Roundtable of Regions Updates:
 - a. March 19, 2025 Roundtable of Regional General Meeting Report.
 - b. Steering Committee Members Recruitment.
7. On February 18, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between Plumas County Flood Control & Conservation District and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District for the sale of 2,025 acre-feet of carryover water at \$185 per acre foot, totaling \$374,625.

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 29, 2024.
2. Support Services Financial Report (July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024).

ACTION AGENDA

1. REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP ADMINISTRATION

- a. RWMG Memorandum of Understanding. *Informational.*
- b. Confirm Membership and Representation. *Discussion and direction to staff.*
 - i. Almanor Basin Public Member Vacancy. *District 3 Supervisor McGowan Appointment.*
- c. Support Services for Fiscal Year 2025-26. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

2. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UPPER FEATHER RIVER IRWM STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP

The RWMG will hear a report on Upper Feather River IRWM Strategic Planning Working Group efforts and consider the Working Group's strategies and options for the future of the Upper Feather River IRWM Program and RWMG. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

- a. September 23, 2024 Meeting Summary.
- b. October 28, 2024 Meeting Summary.

3. WATERSHED SOLUTIONS NETWORK ENGAGEMENT

On April 16, 2024, Sierra County Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2024-056 and on June 25, 2024, Plumas County Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2024-9823 authorizing participation in the Watershed Solutions Network's Upper Feather River/Los Angeles Watershed Framework Test Drive. The RWMG will receive an update on efforts. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

4. PROPOSITION 4 OVERVIEW

The RWMG will hear an overview of the Proposition 4 Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond of 2024. *Informational.*

5. FOREST RESILIENCE BOND

The Forest Resilience Bond was developed in partnership with the World Resources Institute, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and the National Forest Foundation, and is managed by the non-profit organization Blue Forest.

6. UPPER FEATHER RIVER IRWM PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Presentation of the Annual UFR IRWM Plan Implementation Report for 2024. *Accept and file.*

7. FUTURE ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT