

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

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**MEETING FOR REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING OF  
OCTOBER 9, 2025 TO BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE  
MINERAL BUILDING, 204 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82451206328>

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**MEETING AGENDA**

The Regional Water Management Group of the Upper Feather River Integrated Regional Water Management Program welcomes you to its meetings; your interest and participation 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 may 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. Welcome and introduce incoming RWMG members.
  - a. Matt Kilmurray, Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
  - b. Cindy Ramsey, Plumas County Community Development Commission
2. 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).
3. Plumas Watershed Forum Grant Funded Project Update:
  - a. Taylorsville Mill Race Farmers' Dam (Spillway) Resurfacing and Renovation Project (\$520,000) Update.
4. Feather River Stewardship Coalition. *Zach Browning, Sierra Institute for Community and Environment.*
  - a. Summary of September 5, 2025 Meeting.
  - b. October 24, 2025 Site Visit of Butterfly Valley and North Quincy Wildfire Resiliency Project.
  - c. Overview of regional project mapping coordination including the Feather River and adjacent watersheds.
5. Implementation of the Recommendations of the UFR IRWM Strategic Planning Working Group:
  - a. Solicit new projects in the region, focusing on those consistent with state priorities and funding sources.
  - b. Focus on supporting disadvantaged communities and small municipal service providers.
  - c. Update the UFR IRWM Plan implementation project list with current contacts and assist with focusing the project scope and descriptions to meet new state priorities.
  - d. Collaborate with agency stakeholders/partners in the region and support ongoing projects, as appropriate.
  - e. Identify potential funding solutions to support needs not otherwise being addressed (Prop 4, USDA rural grant development program, RCAC, Blue Forest).
6. Feather River Watershed Working Group.
  - a. RWMG request for information related to fish die-off due to nutrient loading in the waterways resulting from 2021 Dixie Fire wildfire erosional effects (from the March 28, 2025 RWMG meeting summary).

7. Forest Resilience Bonds – Blue Forest. *Amber Moore, Blue Forest.*
  - a. Yuba Aspen and Meadow I Forest Resilience Bond (project underway), South Yuba River Citizens League. (Attachment)
  - b. North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond (project underway), Plumas National Forest, North Fork Forest Recovery Project.
  - c. Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond (in the pipeline), Blue Forest.
  - d. Butte Fire Safe Council Forest Resilience Bond (in the pipeline), Blue Forest.
  - e. Upper Butte Creek Forest Resilience Bond (in the pipeline), Blue Forest.
  - f. Yuba I (completed) and II Forest Resilience Bond (project underway), Blue Forest.

## **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 28, 2025.
2. Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) Meeting Summary for the special meeting held on May 29, 2025.
3. Support Services Financial Report (July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025).

## **ACTION AGENDA**

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

- a. Working Draft Revisions to the RWMG Memorandum of Understanding. *Discussion and direction to staff.*
- b. Membership and Representation. *Discussion, possible action, or direction to staff.*
  - i. Almanor Basin Public Member Vacancy.
  - ii. Lassen County Membership.
- c. Proposition 1 Post Performance Reports. *Information.*
  - i. Alternative Water Source Development Project; Sierraville Public Utility District.
  - ii. North Main Water Use Efficiency, Reliability, and Extension Project; Indian Valley Community Services District.

### **2. UPPER FEATHER/LOS ANGELES WATERSHED FRAMEWORK TEST-DRIVE UPDATE**

RWMG will receive an update on activities conducted and planned related to the Upper Feather/Los Angeles Watershed Framework Test-Drive.

- a. October 8-9, 2025 meetings. Overview of goals and objectives of the meetings. *Information.*
- b. January 22-23, 2026 Southern California Site Visit. Overview of goals and objectives for the site visit. *Information.*

### **3. UPPER FEATHER RIVER IRWM PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS**

- a. IRWM Plan Implementation Project List. Review of current IRWM Plan implementation project list, highlighting those that address wildfire and climate resilience. *Discussion and direction to staff.*
- b. IRWM Implementation Project Application (2018 Form). Review existing form and format. *Discussion and direction to staff.*

#### **4. ROUNDTABLE OF REGIONS REPORT**

- a. Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee Update. *Information.*
- b. Roundtable of Regions Letter to DWR: Recommendations for Proposition 4 Funding. *Information.*
- c. Adopted IRWM Transition Plan: A Proposal for Regional Leaders and Policy Makers. *Information.*
- d. Proposition 4 Update. *Information.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**