

Sacramento River Funding Area

The Sacramento River Funding Area covers the majority of the Sacramento River watershed, including many of its tributaries, such as the Pit River. The Funding Area is comprised of six Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions: Upper Pit River Watershed, Upper Sacramento-McCloud, North Sacramento Valley, Westside, a portion of Yuba County and a portion of American River Basin.

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program

The Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program in the Sacramento River Funding Area included a Tribal outreach strategy and a Tribal Needs Assessment. The California Indian Environmental Alliance was contracted to develop the Tribal Needs Assessment, which was conducted simultaneously with Tribal engagement to increase participation in IRWM governance in each region.

Grantee: **Yuba County Water Agency**

Grant Award: **\$3,700,000**

Grant Start: **November 2017**

Needs Assessment: (Tribal) **Completed November 2019**

Integrated Regional Water Management Regions *

Upper Pit River Watershed

The Upper Pit River Watershed is governed by members of the Pit River Watershed Alliance and the Pit River Tribe in the formation of the Regional Water Management Group. In addition, a Project Review Committee, Plan Review Committee, and Climate Variability Working Group work under the RWMG. Representatives from the Pit River Tribe have been involved in plan development through the RWMG and the Project Review Committee.

Upper Sacramento-McCloud

The Upper Sacramento-McCloud region is organized by a Regional Water Action Group (RWAG) and includes Tribal representatives from the Pit River Tribe, Shasta Indian Nation, and Winnemem Wintu Tribe. The RWAG is governed by a rotating Chair, Coordinating Council, and Technical Advisory Committee. The Winnemem Wintu and Pit River Tribe are represented on the Coordinating Council, according to the 2018 IRWM Plan Update.

North Sacramento Valley

The North Sacramento Valley (NSV) IRWM is coordinated by the North Sacramento Valley IRWM Board, which includes a representative from each of the six counties in the NSV region. The NSV Board works with a Technical Advisory Committee, which includes one Tribal representative seat, currently



occupied by a representative of the Colusa Indian Community. The NSV region adopted a 2020 Plan Update through approved amendments to its 2014 IRWM Plan. This includes further information on strategies to increase Tribal engagement in IRWM, including developing a Tribal Engagement Plan, reconsidering changes to the governance structure through the NSV Governance Subcommittee, and providing funding for Tribal engagement coordination staff, among other actions.

Westside (Yolo, Solano, Napa, Lake, Colusa)

The Regional Water Management Group for the Westside IRWM region is generally made up of representatives from 6 county water and/or conservation districts. Representatives of these agencies also form the Coordinating Committee which organizes the IRWM planning process. Throughout the planning process for the 2019 IRWM Plan Update, stakeholder committee meetings were regularly held. Tribes in the region were identified as being included in the stakeholder engagement process.

American River Basin

The American River Basin's governance structure consists of a Planning Forum, Advisory Committee, and the Regional Water Authority (a joint powers authority). The last update to the IRWM Plan occurred in 2018. Because of the challenges that Tribes may face in joining a JPA, the Plan Update identifies public meetings and the Planning Forum as a way for Tribes to become involved in the region. Additionally, the plan references the funding area wide effort for Tribal engagement through the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program, and the RWMG expects to consider recommendations resulting from that effort.

Yuba County

The Yuba County Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) consists of any entity which adopts the IRWM Plan and MOU, making them eligible to vote in IRWM decision making. If decisions are unable to be made by a consensus, only those who have attended two consecutive meetings can vote to meet the required 75% super majority vote. The Yuba County IRWM region created a Tribal outreach contact list with assistance from California Indian Environmental Alliance and subsequently contacted Tribes to invite their participation in the planning, RWMG, and project development. The 2019 Plan Update references the funding area wide Tribal engagement effort being undertaken through the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program as a method for developing Tribal engagement strategies.

** Information on each Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region was gathered from publicly available information from the region's website or IRWM plan. This information may not reflect the most recent or accurate understanding of Tribal engagement in the region. Please contact the IRWM region for additional information.*



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