

San Joaquin River Funding Area

The San Joaquin River Funding Area (SJRSA) is located in the Central Valley and extends from the Coastal Range in the west to the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the east. The northern boundary extends from the northwest portion of Contra Costa County, to the northeast, passing south of Sacramento. The southern boundary lies south of Madera and north of Fresno. The Funding Area is comprised of ten IRWM Regions: American River Basin, Eastern San Joaquin, East Stanislaus, Merced, East Contra Costa, Madera, and Westside-San Joaquin, Cosumnes-American-Bear-Yuba, Mokelumne-Amador-Calaveras, and Tuolumne-Stanislaus.

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program

The Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Program in the San Joaquin River Funding Area is being led by Contra Costa Water District. Seven IRWM regions within the Funding Area are involved in the DACI Program development and implementation. This includes American River Basin, Eastern San Joaquin, East Stanislaus, Merced, East Contra Costa, Madera, and Westside-San Joaquin. Letters supporting the DACI Grant Program were submitted to DWR by the three regions not participating.

Grantee: **Contra Costa Water District**

Grant Award: **\$3,100,000**

Grant Start: January 2019

Needs Assessment: Completed December 2019

Integrated Regional Water Management Regions*

Madera

The Madera Region lies partially within the San Joaquin River Funding Area and partially within the Mountain Counties Funding Area. The RWMG is made up of MOU signatories, disadvantaged community group members (who elected one representative to vote on their behalf), and affiliate members (non-voting). Any stakeholder organization with an interest or role in water management in the Madera region may become a Member of the RWMG. There are seventeen signatory members of the RWMG, including the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians, nine of which have statutory authority. The IRWM area includes two federally recognized tribes, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians and Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, and numerous non-federally recognized tribes. According to the IRWM plan, the outreach coordinator for the group has reached out to the local Native American Tribes to encourage their participation and membership.



East Contra Costa County

The Eastern Contra Costa County Region lies mostly within the San Joaquin River Funding Area, but also overlaps with the Bay Area Funding Area. The East County Water Management Association (ECWMA), which is the foundation for the IRWM group, is governed and operated by the Governing Board Representatives (GBR), composed of one elected official representative from each of the member agencies. Further, the ECWMA has a Joint Managers Committee (JMC) that is composed of managers from each of the member agencies. The IRWM plan recognizes the rich history of Native American occupation in the region and plans to ensure that tribal interests are represented in the East County IRWM by consulting with and inviting stakeholder groups to IRWM meetings.

Eastern San Joaquin

The Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA) is the regional water management group responsible for the development and implementation of the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The GBA is a Joint Powers Authority which is represented by individual agencies overlying the Basin. No tribes within the region are known to have been engaged in governance or planning processes.

East Stanislaus

The East Stanislaus Region lies entirely within the San Joaquin River Funding Area. The primary groups composing the East Stanislaus IRWM Region governance structure include the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership (ESRWMP), the official Regional Water Management Group, plus the Steering Committee (SC), the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), and the general public. The ESRWMP acts as the lead voice in the IRWM plan development and implementation as there are multiple agencies, stakeholders, and members of the public involved in the process. No tribes within the region are known to have been engaged in governance or planning processes.

Merced

The governance structure of the Region includes a Regional Advisory Committee, the Regional Water Management Group, a Management Committee, and the Merced IRWM Authority Board of Directors. The RWMG consists of municipal and agricultural water purveyors and other interest groups that includes most of the agencies with water supply, water quality and water management authority in the Region. No tribes within the region are known to have been engaged in governance or planning processes.

Westside - San Joaquin

The Westside-San Joaquin IRWM Region lies partially in the Tulare Kern Funding Area and partially in the San Joaquin River Funding Area. The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) for the Westside-San Joaquin (WSJ) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region is the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA). The SLDMWA Board of Directors acts as the governing authority for the RWMG for the Region. Memoranda of Agreement are also executed with non-member



agencies for IRWM planning coordination. No tribes within the region are known to have been engaged in governance or planning processes.

American River Basin

The American River Basin region lies mostly in the Sacramento River Funding Area, with portions in the Mountain Counties and San Joaquin River Funding Areas. The region'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 and the RWMG expects to consider recommendations resulting from that effort.

Tuolumne-Stanislaus

The Tuolumne-Stanislaus Region lies mostly in the Mountain Counties Funding Area, with just a small portion in the San Joaquin River Funding Area. The Tuolumne Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Board of Directors serves as the RWMG for the region. The governance body of the plan development process is the Planning Grant Committee, in which all members have signed onto the MOU. Additionally, a Watershed Advisory Committee meets regularly. The Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council is identified as a participating stakeholder in the 2017 Plan Update, and Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk is also identified as having participated in the planning process. Both Tribes are also identified as Governmental and Land Management Agencies within the region. Additionally, the non-federally recognized Tuolumne Algerine Band of Yokut is identified in the Plan Update.

Mokelumne-Amador-Calaveras

The Mokelumne-Amador-Calavera (MAC) Region lies mostly in the Mountain Counties Funding Area, with just a small portion in the San Joaquin River Funding Area. The Mokelumne, Amador, Calaveras (MAC) region is coordinated through the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority, which is a joint powers agency consisting of local public agencies with water resource management responsibilities. The UMRWA Board works with a Board Advisory Committee and Regional Participants Committee (RPC) in IRWM processes and activities. According to the 2013 Plan Update, the RPC has developed a Community Outreach Plan consisting of three tiers. Tier three is intended to improve outreach and engagement for DACs and Tribes.

Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba

The Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY) Region is governed by the Planning Committee, while the non-profit organization known as the CABY RWMG supports obtaining and administering funds. Additionally, there is a Coordinating Committee and workgroups. According to the 2020 Plan update, multiple Tribal governments were contacted as part of the planning process. The Plan recognizes that previous outreach efforts to Tribes have not resulted in substantial Tribal engagement,



and the region is expecting to consider recommendations from Tribes that emerge from the Mountain Counties Funding Area Needs Assessment.

** 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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