

# *No. 46 - Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Region*

## Region Acceptance Process Summary

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### **General Description of Region**

The Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region includes portions of the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada and the Sacramento Valley floor. The foothill and mountainous portion of the Region, located east of the valley floor area, has elevations in excess of 8,000 feet above mean sea level. The Valley floor area coincides with the boundaries of the County's two groundwater basins (North and South Yuba basins). The Yuba County IRWM Region boundary represents hydrologic features including watershed and sub-watershed boundaries that are used to define the boundary in some of the mountainous areas, rivers which also serve as jurisdictional boundaries (county boundaries), and groundwater basin boundaries.

The current composition of RWMG and stakeholder groups are mostly comprised of various water management groups but lack inclusion of watershed groups and environmental groups. The Yuba County RWMG will act to include watershed groups, tribes, and Disadvantaged Communities in future stakeholder outreach efforts. Also, the Yuba County IRWM Region's governing structure will need revision in terms of implementing authority, and to define clearly the roles and responsibilities of RWMGs.

### **Interview Conclusions- Approved**

The Yuba County IRWM Region is relatively small; however, sufficient distinct water management issues exist to support the smaller, but regional scale of planning. No changes to the Yuba County boundaries are suggested by DWR.

The Yuba County Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the neighboring regional entity, the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba IRWM Region, that discusses coordination and cooperation between the two Regions.