

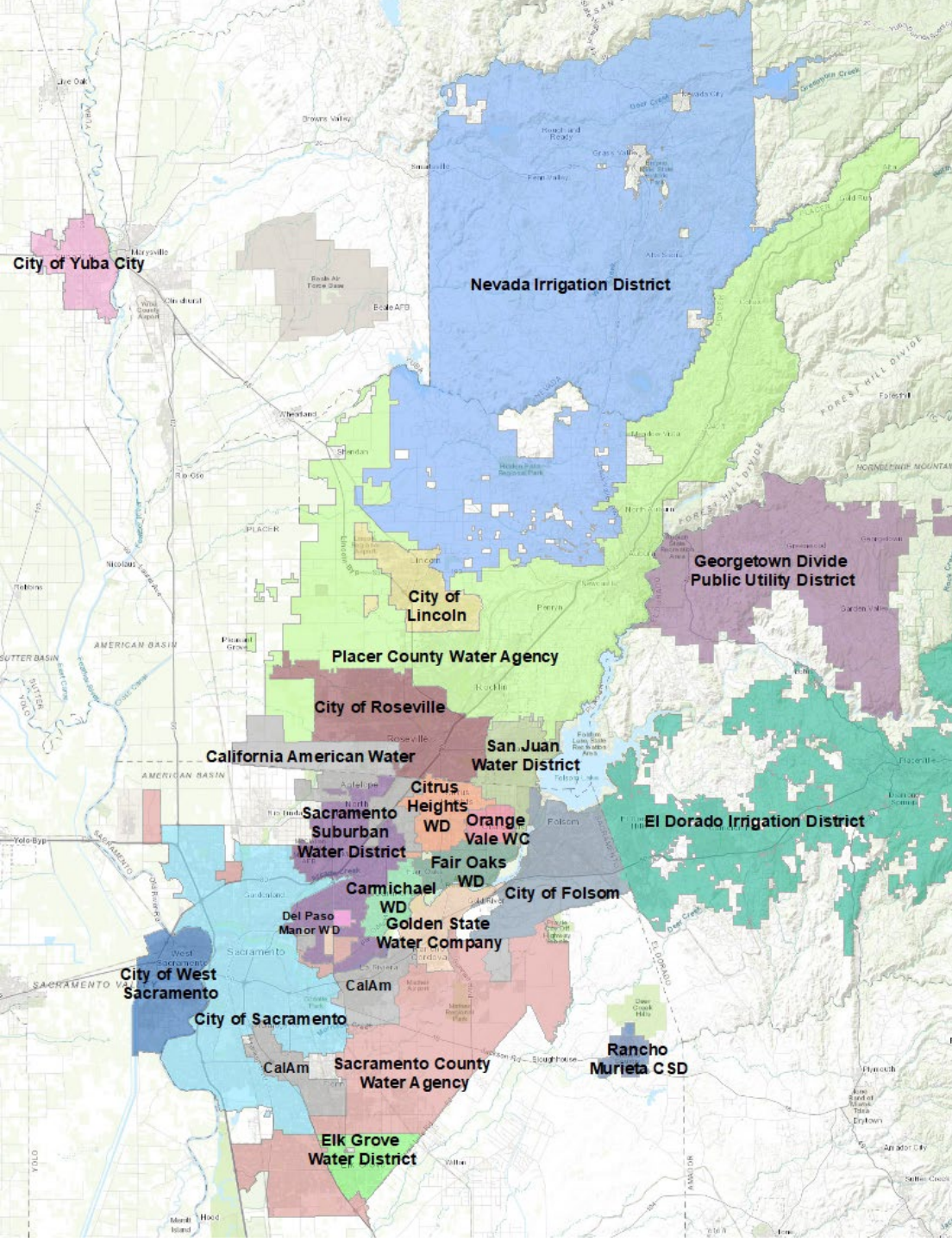
Introduction to the RWA



March 14, 2024

To serve and represent regional water supply interests, and to assist members in protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability, and quality of water resources.





- 22 water providers
- 2.2 million people
- 7 counties

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RWA Members



Members

- California American Water*
- Carmichael Water District
- Citrus Heights Water District
- City of Folsom
- City of Lincoln
- City of Roseville
- City of Sacramento
- City of West Sacramento
- City of Yuba City
- Del Paso Manor Water District
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- Elk Grove Water District
- Fair Oaks Water District
- Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District
- Golden State Water Company*
- Nevada Irrigation District
- Orange Vale Water Company
- Placer County Water Agency
- Rancho Murieta Community Services District
- Sacramento Suburban Water District
- Sacramento County Water Agency
- San Juan Water District

Associate Members

- County of Placer
- El Dorado Water Agency
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- SacSewer
- Yuba Water Agency

Affiliate Members

- Brown and Caldwell
- GEI Consultants Inc.
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Stantec
- RMC Water and Environment
- Sacramento Association of Realtors
- West Yost Associates

Why an RWA?

The goals of the Regional Authority are to:

- Assist, where appropriate, in the voluntary consolidation of the services provided by existing industry/trade associations and water utility support groups within the RWA.
- Develop and provide subscription-based (i.e., that are paid for by participating Members) support services, projects and programs of mutual interest for Members, or groups of Members, and certain other subscribers.
- Facilitate discussion of and action on matters of regional priority and interest.
- Coordinate and implement regional water master planning, grant-funding acquisition, and related planning efforts.
- Provide a unified voice to advocate and respond to legislative, regulatory and policy matters of importance to the region's water supply.

- 1990s:
 - Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority
 - Water Forum
 - Sacramento North Area Groundwater Mgt. Authority
- 2001: RWA Created
- 2002: Staff to the SGA
- 2009: Comprehensive Water Legislation Package
- 2013: JPA Modified: Better Advocacy
- 2017: Government Affairs Manager
- 2018: Regional Water Reliability Plan
- 2021: Strategic Affairs Manager

Organizational Structure

- RWA Organization
 - JPA
 - Board Makeup
 - Executive Committee
 - Program Committees
 - Agreement with SGA
- Strategic Plan



The Joint Powers Agreement

- Powers and Limitations
- Membership
- Projects and Programs
- Board Makeup



Key Programs

- Water Use Efficiency Subscription Program
- Common Interest Management Services
- Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy
- Sacramento Groundwater Authority
- Water Bank
- Communication
- Federal Affairs
- Purchasing

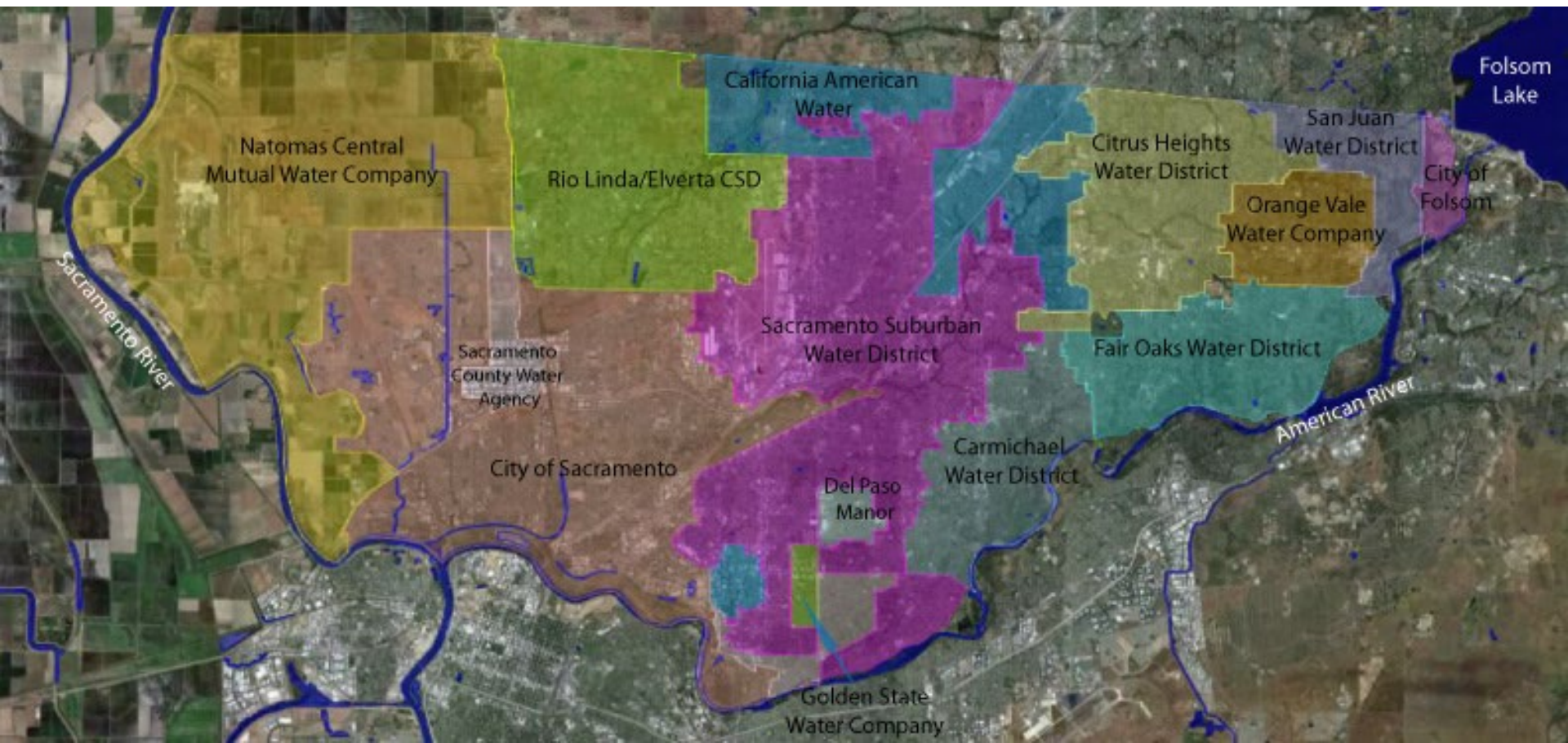


- RWA Policy 200.2 – Authority delegated to the Executive Committee
 - Budget development
 - Some contracts
 - Executive Director Performance
 - Agenda preparation for Board
- RWA Policy 200.3 - Election Procedures
 - Nine members
 - Elected officials and staff
 - Contracting entity
 - New policy revisions: vote by email/mail, RWA Chair selects two, SGA Chair selects one

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority



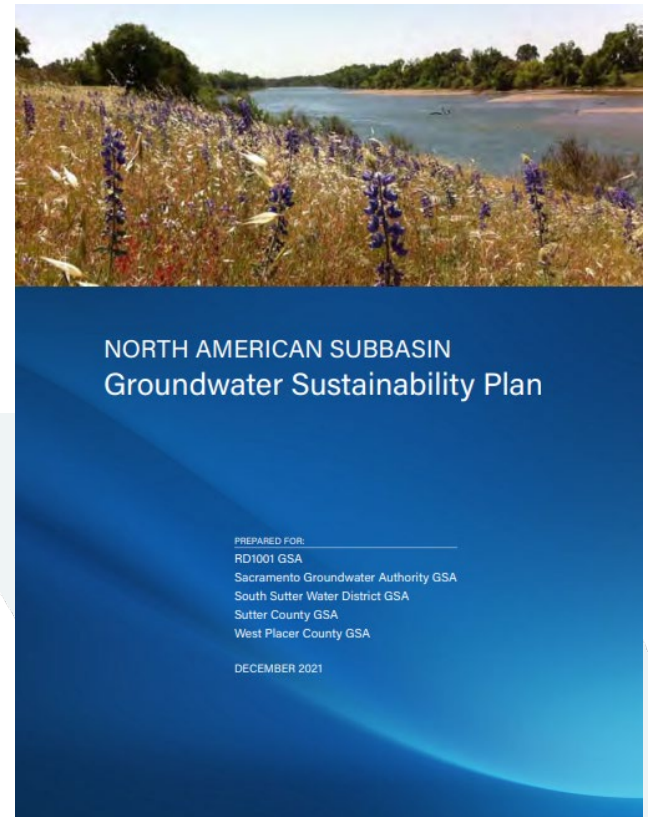
- Joint powers authority by cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Sacramento and Sacramento County using common police powers to manage basin.



The Sacramento Groundwater Authority



- Management Agreement between SGA and RWA
- Jointly share some staff and administrative costs
- Independent legal entities
- Separate CalPERS employers



Policy 200.5 (Ethics Policy), Section 9, B

The Authority's Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Board, pursuant to an employment agreement. The Board will provide policy direction and instructions to the Executive Director on matters within the authority of the Board by majority vote of the Board during duly-convened Board and Board committee meetings. Members of the Board will deal with matters within the authority of the Executive Director through the Executive Director, and not through other Authority employees. Members of the Board will refrain from making requests directly to Authority employees (rather than to the Executive Director) to undertake analyses, perform other work assignments or change the priority of work assignments. Members of the Board may request non-confidential, factual information regarding Authority operations from Authority employees

- Amy Talbot- Principal Program Manager
- Ashley Flores - Board Secretary/Executive Assistant
- Jim Peifer - Executive Director
- Michelle Banonis - Manager of Strategic Affairs
- Monica Garcia - Project Research Assistant II
- Raiyna Villaseñor - Senior Program Manager
- Ryan Ojakian - Manager of Government Relations
- Tom Hoffart - Finance and Administrative Services Manager
- Trevor Joseph - Manager of Technical Services

QUESTIONS?

