

Strategic Plan Prioritization Process



March 13, 2025

Strategic Plan Prioritization Process

Presentation:

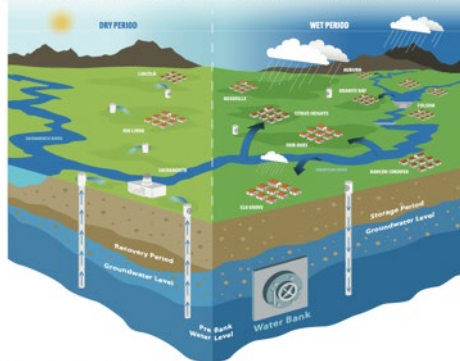
- How did we do on the strategic plan priorities for FY 24/25?
- Strategic Plan Survey Feedback
- Strategic Plan Priorities for FY 25/26



Communication and Outreach

How the Water Bank Works

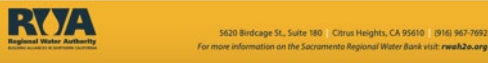
The Water Bank will operate by coordinating the use of surface water and groundwater. When surface water supplies are plentiful, water providers in the region will draw more water from Folsom Reservoir or local rivers and use it to offset existing demand for groundwater. This effectively increases groundwater in storage, resulting in a deposit in the Water Bank. During dry years, recovery of stored groundwater will occur through additional pumping, resulting in a withdrawal from the Water Bank. The Water Bank will be managed consistent with local groundwater sustainability plans.



Storage and Recovery Potential

The groundwater basin of the American River Basin acts as an underground reservoir with available space to store an estimated 1.8 million acre-feet of water, which is almost twice the volume of Folsom Reservoir. During a wet year, local water providers could store up to about 60,000 acre-feet of water in the Water Bank using existing facilities. That's enough water to serve 120,000 average homes for a year. During a dry year, much of that stored groundwater could be recovered. Potential facility improvements over the next decade could increase the region's storage and recovery capacities by more than 50 percent. As an additional benefit, facility improvements can be accomplished stepwise based on available funding.

Operation of the Water Bank will help relieve flood control pressure on Folsom Reservoir, preserve cold water for the benefit of the environment, and increase supplies available for the environment and downstream communities beyond the region during dry conditions.



ROA
Regional Water Authority
5620 Birdcage St., Suite 180 | Citrus Heights, CA 95610 | (916) 967-7692
For more information on the Sacramento Regional Water Bank visit: rwa2a.org



Jim Peiffer
Executive Director
Regional Water Authority
& Sacramento Groundwater
Authority



Strategic Plan Prioritization Process

Sacramento Regional Water Bank

Water Bank Project – Tasks/Activities/Deliverables



Completed Tasks

- GOPC
- Governance
- Model Updates/Data Improvements
- Water Accounting System (WAS)

Ongoing Tasks

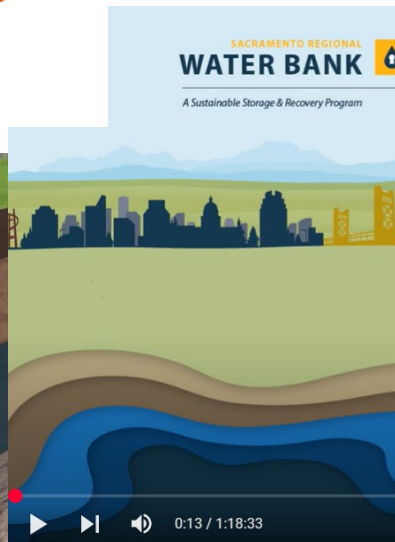
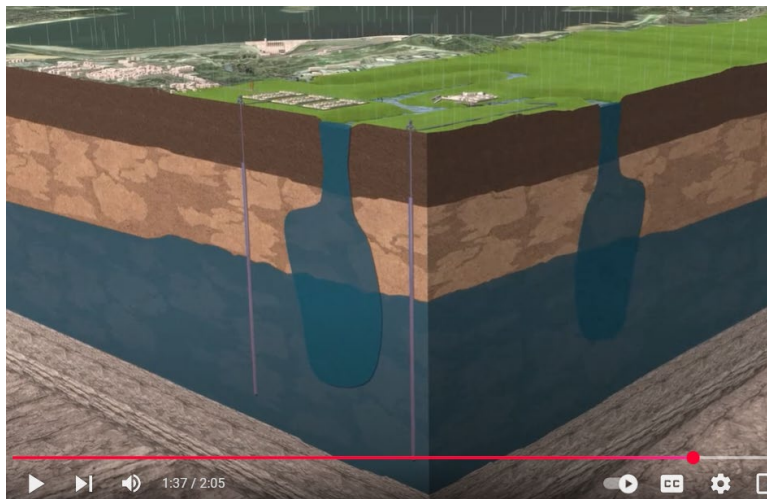
- Stakeholder Engagement/ Communication
- Modeling – Preliminary Baseline
- CEQA/NEPA strategy – Project Description/NOP
- Monitoring/Mitigation Plan

Future Tasks

- CEQA/NEPA analysis
- Modeling – Updated Baseline & Scenarios
- Temperature Modeling
- Contractual & Financial Agreements
- Conjunctive Use BMP
- Federal Acknowledgement



WATER BANK STAKEHOLDER FORUM – FEBRUARY 2025



Strategic P

Water Use Efficiency

SUMMER STRONG YARD CHAMP

Planted natives and installed drip irrigation

Learn her story at BeWaterSmart.info



Christina Auburn



HELP FROGGY SAVE WATER!

Set the timer for a five-minute shower and make a big splash for water conservation.



HOW TO USE

1. Flip the timer over to kickstart the 5-minute countdown.
2. Enjoy your shower—lather up and rinse off!
3. Turn off the water before the timer runs out of sand.
4. Congratulations, you're a water-saving champion!



Learn more tips at BeWaterSmart.info

This product is not a toy as it contains small parts that could cause choking. Not suitable for small children.

Strategic Plan Prioritization Process



Regulatory and Policy



Central Valley Project and California State Water Project



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO SACRAMENTO/DELTA UPDATE TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ESTUARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) will hold a multiday public workshop to discuss voluntary agreements (VAs) proposed by water users and state and federal agencies currently being considered in the process to update the Sacramento River and Delta component of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan).¹ The purpose of the workshop is for the VA parties to provide a detailed overview of the VA proposal, receive input and answer questions from Board members, and receive input from the public.



Making Conservation a California Way of Life

What is Making Conservation a California Way of Life?

Making Conservation a California Way of Life is a new regulatory framework proposed by State Water Board staff that establishes individualized efficiency goals for each Urban Retail Water Supplier. These goals are based on the unique characteristics of the supplier's service area and give suppliers the flexibility to implement locally appropriate solutions. Once implemented, these goals are expected to reduce urban water use by more than 400-thousand-acre feet by 2030, helping California adapt to the water supply impacts brought on by climate change.

Why is the framework needed?

California has always experienced large swings between dry and wet weather, and due to climate change, these swings are becoming more severe. The recent storms and flooding seen statewide--following years of back-to-back extreme drought--make clear the importance of staying prepared. Hotter and drier periods that are increasing in



Strategic Plan Prioritization Process



Legislative



Skip to Main Content | Secretary of State Main Website | Elections & Voter Information | Feedback

California General Election November 5, 2024

Official Voter Information Guide

Home | Propositions | Candidates | Quick Reference Guide | Voter Information | Audio/PDF/Large Print

Propositions

- Proposition 2
- Proposition 3
- Proposition 4**
 - Official Title and Summary
 - Analysis
 - Arguments and Rebuttals
 - Text of Proposed Law (PDF)
 - Print (PDF)
- Proposition 5
- Proposition 6
- Proposition 32
- Proposition 33
- Proposition 34

Home » Propositions

PROP 4 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL LANDS FROM CLIMATE RISKS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY *Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for water, wildfire prevention, and protection of communities and lands. Requires the State to repay the bonds over 30 years to repay The Nature Conservancy.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

YES A YES vote on this measure will support activities aimed at protecting water resources and addressing climate change.

2024 | ADVOCACY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Jun 22, 2024

California leaders announce 2024 state budget agreement

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire and Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas today announced that they have reached an agreement on the 2024 state budget, which will support the state’s fiscal stability while preserving key programs that Californians depend on.

The agreement maintains the multi-year fiscal structure proposed by the Governor in the May Revision to balance the budget in both 2024-25 and 2025-26, based on current



2024 was a transformative year for the Regional Water Authority (RWA). Despite significant challenges, we secured funding for critical projects, protected member interests, and positioned the Sacramento region for long-term water resilience.

The passage of Proposition 4, the \$10 billion Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act, was one of the biggest wins of the year. The RWA played a key role in helping to shape and advocate for this measure, which dedicates \$386 million to groundwater management and recharge, and \$100 million to watershed resilience.

This funding will play a critical role in ensuring a reliable water supply for the Sacramento region, including supporting the Sacramento Regional Water Bank, as we face the growing challenges of climate change. The passage of Proposition 4 marked a significant milestone, not just for the region, but for the future of California’s water management strategy.

The year also brought changes in legislative leadership. Senator Christopher Cabaldon and Assemblywoman Maggy Krell joined the ranks, bringing fresh perspectives to water management. Alongside Senator Angelique Ashby, their leadership strengthens the region’s ability to secure resources and advance water priorities. We have already met with our newest legislators and look forward to working with them in the year to come.

In addition, the RWA successfully safeguarded \$55 million for the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes, preserving essential funding amidst a historic \$46.8 billion state budget deficit. These funds, initially awarded in 2023, are critical to advancing projects that promote ecosystem health and water sustainability.

As we look ahead to 2025, our focus remains steadfast: advancing water sustainability and advocating for our members’ interests. With the support of our new legislative partners and the potential for Proposition 4 funding, we are well-positioned to advance our water priorities and further strengthen the resilience of our water systems.

James Peffer



Strategic Plan Prioritization Process

Sacramento Groundwater Authority



Strategic Plan Prioritization Process



RWA Administrative Services



550 Howe Avenue, Suite 210
Sacramento, California 95825
Telephone: (916) 564-8727
FAX: (916) 564-8728

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Regional Water Authority
Sacramento, California

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise RWA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of RWA as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 and the changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as well as accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing special districts.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are



Strategic Plan Prioritization Process



Valuable Partnerships



The RWA has established a process to identify strategic plan priorities. That process was established by the Board of Directors can be found in [RWA Policy 400.4](#)

The process is as follows: The Executive Director shall lead the following procedure to set priorities for the coming calendar year:

1. The Executive Director shall solicit input on the strategic plan and/or other priorities from the members.
2. The input from members shall be reviewed by the Executive Director, staff and the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Director shall propose strategic plan and/or other priorities to the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee should propose the priorities to the Board for adoption.

Feedback Highlights

- **Planning**
 - completing the SRWB
 - Evaluate and respond to impacts on the region's water suppliers and operations.
- **Implementation**
 - Securing of funding for member's projects and programs (that are regional priorities)
- **Communication**
 - Provide a forum for education, discussion, and outreach on water issues affecting the region.
- **Advocacy**
 - Seek support for RWA's legislative agenda
 - Assist in the preservation of water rights and entitlements
 - State and federal water regulatory issues that may impact the region

Priorities for 2025/2026

- Communication and Outreach
- Sacramento Region Water Bank (SRWB) Development
- Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Program
- Regulatory and Policy
- Participation in the Water Forum
- Legislative
- SGA
- RWA Administrative Services
- Funding Member Projects

DISCUSSION

