



Water Forum 2.0 Update

March 2025



Sacramento Water Forum

Coequal Objectives

- To provide a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health
- To preserve the Lower American River's fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values



**HABITAT
ENHANCEMENT**



**CURRENT RIVER
CONDITIONS**



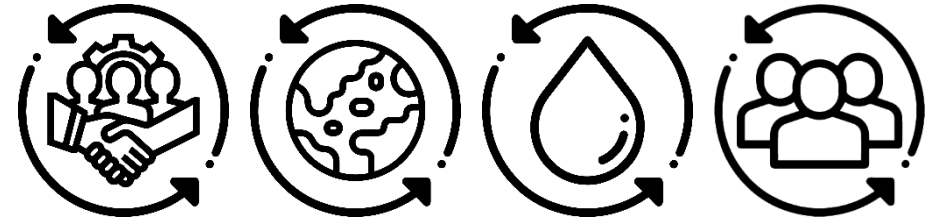
**FLOWS AND
OPERATIONS**



**SCIENCE AND
MONITORING**



A Collaborative Venue



Business Caucus

AKT Development*
North State Building Industry Association*
Sacramento Association of Realtors*
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce*
Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange (SRBX)
Green Acres Nursery & Supply

Environmental Caucus

Environmental Council of Sacramento*
Friends of the River*
Save the American River Association*
Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter*

Public Caucus

American River Flood Control District
American River Parkway Foundation
City of Rancho Cordova
City of Sacramento*

Effie Yeaw Nature Center
League of Women Voters, Sacramento County *
Placer County
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)
Sacramento County*
Sacramento Regional Parks
Sacramento Valley Conservancy
SMUD

Water Caucus

California American Water*
Carmichael Water District*
Citrus Heights Water District*
City of Folsom*
City of Roseville*
City of Sacramento*
Del Paso Manor Water District*
East Bay Municipal Utilities District
El Dorado Irrigation District*

El Dorado Water Agency*
Elk Grove Water District*
Fair Oaks Water District*
Florin County Water District*
Golden State Water Company / Arden-Cordova Water District*
Orange Vale Water Company*
Placer County Water Agency*
Rancho Murieta Community Service District*
Regional Water Authority*
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District*
Sacramento Suburban Water District*
Sacramento County Water Agency*
San Juan Water District*

**Denotes an organization that was a signatory to the 2000 agreement*

Water Forum 2.0 Negotiations

- Preparing and organizing the Water Forum to respond to climate change:
 - Increased frequency of drought
 - Reduced snowpack
 - Lower storage levels
 - Increased temperatures
- Framework for collaborative problem-solving and adaptive management



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Water Forum 2.0 Structure

- Negotiations have been focused on 4 Working Groups
- Basis for the structure of the Agreement:
 - Governance Funding and Administration
 - American River Corridor Health
 - American River Flows and Operations
 - Water Supply Sustainability
- Emphasizes:
 - Partnerships and Collaboration
 - Adaptive Management
 - Collaborative Problem Solving



American River
Corridor Health



American River
Flows and
Operations



Governance,
Funding and
Administration



Regional Water
Supply Reliability

American River Climate Adaptation Program (ARCAP)

- A proactive safeguard for our water supplies and environment
- A dedicated quantity of water that can provide:
 - Reliable water supplies during drought
 - Cooler water in Folsom and enhanced river flows
 - Increased operational flexibility for Reclamation
 - Better floodwater management
 - Expanded groundwater storage
 - Collaborative problem-solving



Water Forum 2.0 Schedule

Key Dates

- June 2025 – Public *Draft Final Available* for Signatory Review
- Summer 2025 – Signatory Boards and Councils Review and Offer Comments
- Fall 2025 – Final Approved by the Plenary



THANK YOU!

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