



Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager
DATE: March 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Regional Group Participation Workshop

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Workshop discussion on benefits and cost for NID involvement in various regional groups and organizations.

BACKGROUND:

Organization	Annual Fee	Benefits
Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)	\$30,770 [^]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation in the legislative and regulatory arenas in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. • Discounted registration for ACWA events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring (5/3-5/22) / Fall Conferences (11/29-12/2/22) ○ Washington DC Conference (7/12-14/22) • Participation in ACWA's regional committee structure • ACWA-JPIA Dental / Vision Policy • https://www.acwa.com/
California Special District Association (CSDA)	\$8,195 [^]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board / Staff Education & Training • Statewide Legislative Advocacy • Special District Leadership Academy Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring (4/3-6/22) / Fall (11/18-21/22) • Membership Forums • https://www.csda.net/home
Regional Water Authority (RWA)	\$19,400 [*]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Water Efficiency Outreach & Communications • Regional Collaboration on Grants Programs • https://rwah2o.org/

Northern California Water Association (NCWA)	\$30,000*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Advocacy on Critical Water Issues Water Resource Management Tools & Forums Annual Meetings and Task Force Programs https://norcalwater.org/
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA)	\$10,343**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education & Legislative Advocacy Regional Collaboration https://mountaincountieswater.com/join/
Consumnes American Bear Yuba (CABY)	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Opportunities for Grant Funding Local NGO and Agency Cooperation Staff time participation only – no dues https://cabyregion.org/

^ 2022 Membership Dues Paid

* Estimated 2022 Dues

** 2019 Membership Dues Paid

CONCLUSION:

- NID has a \$92,000 budget for FY 2022 Memberships and has currently expended \$38,965 for ACWA and CSDA, leaving a a remaining budgetary balance of \$53,035.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None at this time.

Attachments: (3)

- NCWA, MCWRA & RWA Flyers



NCWA
Northern California Water Association

California history is filled with stories of competing interests seeking new water supplies to satisfy their ever increasing needs. Over the years, many of these attempts have threatened the water rights and supplies, the environment, communities and the way of life in Northern California. The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) was formed in 1992 to present a unified voice to ensure that this region has reliable and affordable water supplies—both now and into the future.

Who We Are:

We are the water districts, water companies, small towns, rural communities and landowners that beneficially use both surface and groundwater resources in the Sacramento Valley. NCWA's Board of Directors and staff are committed to safeguard water supplies in the Sacramento Valley and constructive leadership in the pursuit of solutions to resolve California's most perplexing water problems. As a result, NCWA is the recognized voice of Northern California water. NCWA represents the entire Sacramento Valley, which extends from Sacramento to north of Redding, and between the crests of the Sierra Nevada and the Coast Range.

Board of Directors

NCWA is governed by a Board of Directors (Board) who are elected by the NCWA members every other year. The Board meets six times a year in different places throughout the Sacramento Valley. The Board sets the priorities for NCWA, oversees the organization and actively represents NCWA in various state and federal venues. The Board members are listed at www.norcalwater.org/about/board-members.

NCWA Staff

NCWA is actively involved in all aspects of California water at both the state and federal level, including the various regulatory, legislative, legal, and communication arenas. A full listing of the NCWA staff and their biographies can be seen at www.norcalwater.org/about/staff. NCWA staff are always available to help NCWA members at any time by phone and we can attend Board meetings, annual meetings and any other meeting upon request.



What We Do:

NCWA brings the water leaders in the region together to safeguard the region's water rights and supplies by working with Congress, the State Legislature, state and federal agencies, and various stakeholders throughout the state. NCWA has also led and coordinated efforts for water resources managers to implement sustainability initiatives and integrated regional planning across this diverse region.

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NCWA Priorities:

The NCWA Board of Directors annually develops priorities for the upcoming year. The current Strategic Planning and Priorities is available from NCWA.

We Support:

NCWA members provide reliable supplies of clean water for the natural and working landscapes between the crests of the Sierra Nevada and the Coast Range, which includes a unique mosaic:

- Two million acres of family farms are the economic engine for the region, provides a working landscape and pastoral setting and serves as valuable habitat for fish and waterfowl along the Pacific Flyway;
 - The small towns and rural communities that form the backbone of the region, as well as the State Capital that serves as the center of government for the State of California;
 - Freshwater habitat for four runs of Chinook salmon; including the threatened and endangered winter-run and spring-run salmon, steelhead and green sturgeon;
 - Six National Wildlife Refuges, more than fifty State Wildlife Areas and other privately managed wetlands that support the annual migration of waterfowl, geese and waterbirds in the Pacific Flyway. These seasonal and permanent wetlands provide for 65% of the North American Water-fowl Management Plan objectives;
 - The forests and meadows in the numerous watersheds of the Sierra Nevada and Coast Range.
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Contact:

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Communications and Information

For more information on NCWA communications and how to get more information on California water issues, please see: [How to Get Water Information Affecting the Sacramento Valley](#).

Meetings

NCWA hosts an annual meeting in March to showcase the region and to invite diverse parties to share their perspectives on water and the Sacramento Valley. NCWA also has various Task Forces on topics that are important to the Sacramento Valley. This includes the Bay-Delta, Groundwater Management, and Communications. NCWA also has managers meetings to discuss timely topics of interest.

NorCal Water Leaders Program

NCWA hosts an intensive 6-month water leaders program every other year. Representatives for NCWA members and partners are encouraged to participate in the program and to assist us in cultivating future water leadership in the Sacramento Valley.



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Northern California Water Association

Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

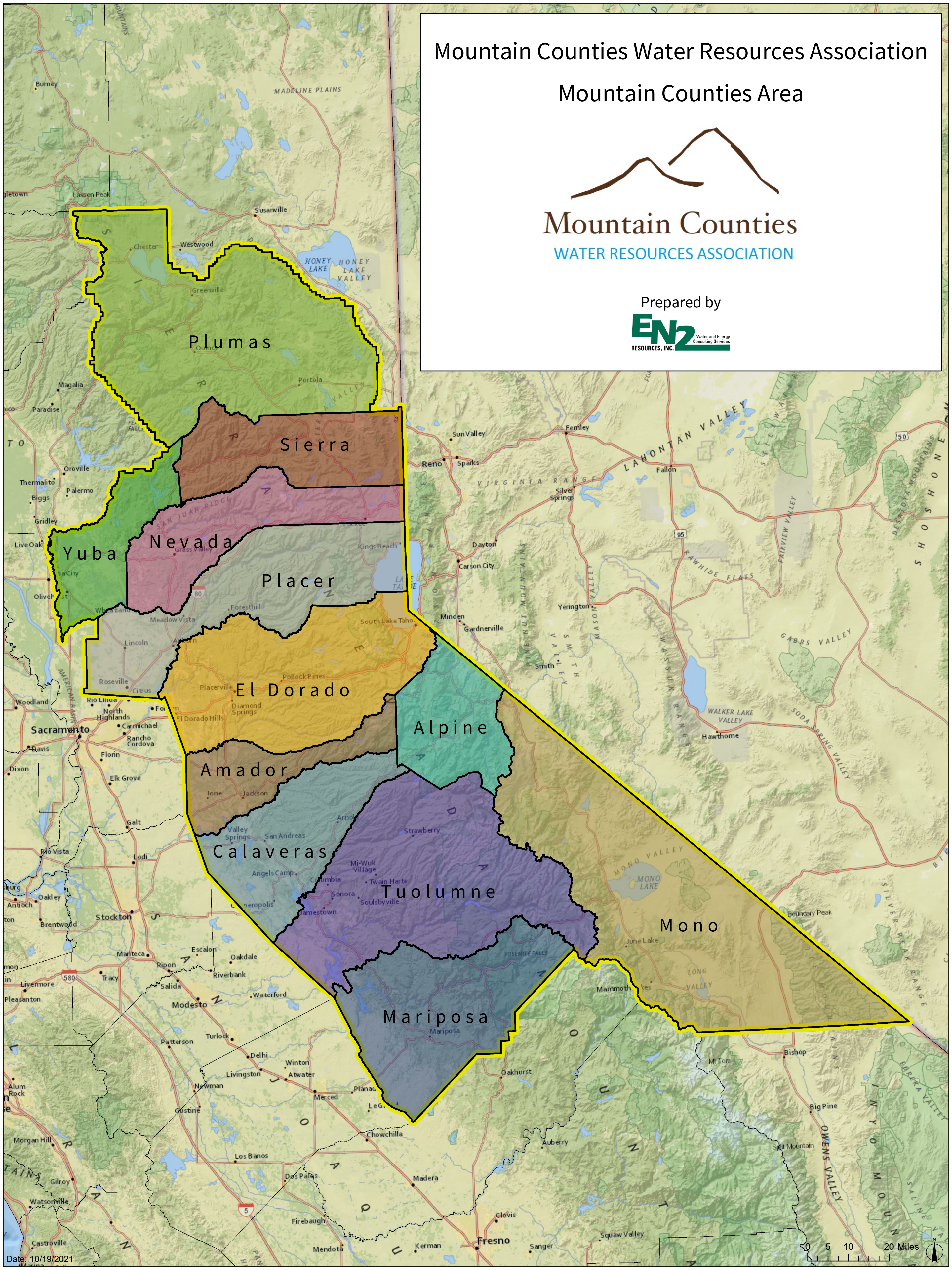
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Regional Water Authority

Full Membership



The Regional Water Authority (RWA) is a joint powers authority formed in 2001 comprised of 25 water providers and associate agencies in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Sutter and Yolo Counties.

MISSION

The mission of the Regional Water Authority is to serve, represent and align the interests of regional water providers and stakeholders for the purpose of improving water supply reliability, availability, quality and affordability.

- ◆ Full members are agencies that provide potable water on either a retail or wholesale basis.
- ◆ Associate members include other public or private entities with water management responsibilities and authorities who are not municipal water providers in the region.

GOALS

The Regional Water Authority established four integrated goals that represent a comprehensive approach to pursuing RWA's mission.

- ◆ Planning: Continuously improve regional water management planning that is comprehensive in scope and contributes to more effective regional water resources management.
- ◆ Implementation: Lead successful water management strategies, as well as develop and undertake related beneficial programs on behalf of the region.
- ◆ Communication: Based on shared values, communicate with one voice on issues of regional significance to strengthen relationships, elevate regional visibility and influence, and advance the collective interests of the region.
- ◆ Advocacy: Advocate for members and the region's needs and interests to positively influence legislative and regulatory policies and actions.



Regional Water Authority

Full Membership

BENEFITS

Benefits of Full Member status include:

- ◆ More active participation in regional and state legislative and regulatory water issues,
- ◆ A forum for regional collaboration and discussion of your specific water interests and perspectives,
- ◆ Venue for information sharing and relationship building between water suppliers,
- ◆ Cost and operational savings through pooling of resources and economies of scale (chemicals, etc.).
- ◆ Regional voice and presence on statewide issues, and
- ◆ Successful model for grant funding.

JOIN

To apply for Full Membership in RWA, please send an email that includes the following information:

- ◆ The name of your agency.
- ◆ The geographic scope of your agency.
- ◆ The nature of your agency (municipal, special district, etc.).
- ◆ The mission of your agency and the constituency/customers you represent.
- ◆ Your interests in water management in the Sacramento region.
- ◆ A description of how Full Membership will be mutually beneficial to your agency and RWA.

Send your request to Josette Reina-Luken at josette@rwah2o.org.

The fee for RWA Full Membership is based on number of potable retail connections.

RWA FULL MEMBERS

California American Water	Orange Vale Water Company
Carmichael Water District	Placer County Water Agency
Citrus Heights Water District	Rancho Murieta CSD
Del Paso Manor Water District	Roseville, City of
El Dorado Irrigation Water District	Sacramento, City of
Elk Grove Water District	Sacramento County Water Agency
Fair Oaks Water District	Sacramento Suburban Water District
Folsom, City of	San Juan Water District
Golden State Water Company	West Sacramento, City of
Lincoln, City of	Yuba City, City of

RWA ASSOCIATES

County of Placer
El Dorado County Water Agency
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

