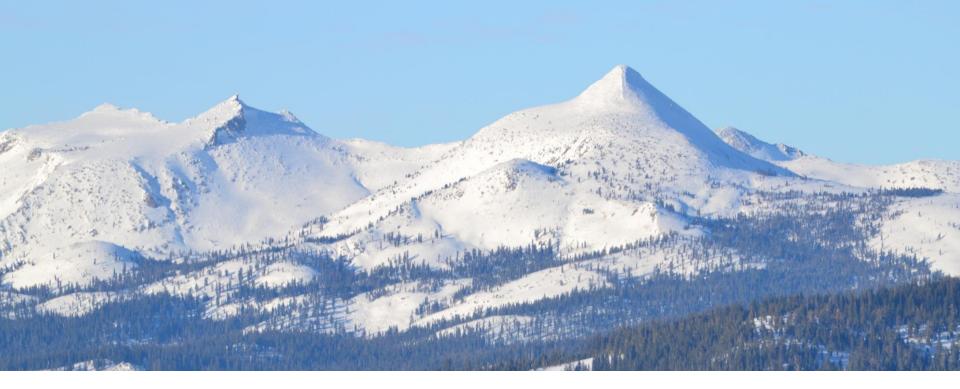
#### ORGANIZATION



#### **Regional Advocacy for a Sustainable Future** March 2011 - 2014





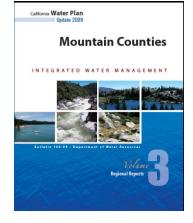
#### Advocacy - Water Interests of its Members in all or a portion of 15 of the 58 Counties in California

- Sustainable organizational infrastructure
- Focused on the critical issues
- Visible activist organization

Regional certainty for a reliable and sustainable water supply for our economic and environmental well-being for future generations

# History

- Organized in the 1950's
- Reorganized in 1979
  - to represent Counties of Origin
- Identified in the Water Plan Update, 2005 due to the significant natural resources
- Incorporated 501C(6), 2012





Hydrologic Regions

# **Mountain Counties**

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AREA OF CALIFORNIA

- 40% of the state's developed water supply originates from Mountain Counties Areas
- 15,758 square miles or 9.9 percent of the State
- 383 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers under Federal and State Law
- Ten major watershed areas 13,236 square miles
- □ 17 million acre-feet of natural runoff

Source: CA Water Plan Update, 2009



### The Region is...

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Home to 10 major watersheds providing economic and environmental beneficial uses for all living things.

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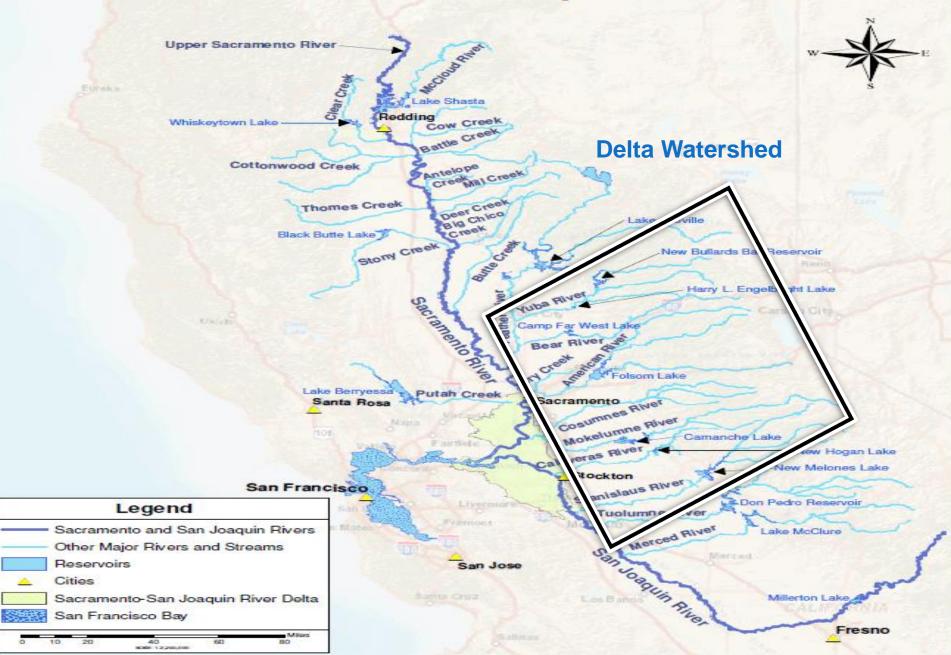
Mokelumne San Joaquin

Stanislaus

Tuolumne

Yuba

#### Major Tributaries of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta



# - WATER -Beneficial Uses

Consumptive & M & I Hydro Power Agriculture Recreation Tourism Economy Environment

#### **Board of Directors – 2014 / 2015**



Left to Right Norm Krizl – Georgetown Public Utility District Delbert Rotelli, Tuolumne Utility District Barbara Balen, Ex Officio (*Past Tuolumne Utility District Board Member*) Bill George, El Dorado Irrigation District Don Stump, Calaveras County Water District Art Toy, Amador Water Agency Lowell Jarvis, Ex Officio (*Past Placer County Water Agency Board Member*)

### Organization

- Board of Directors Meets Monthly
- Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee Members Appointed, Mar. 2011
- Technical Advisory Committee Sept. 2012
- Governance Committee Nov. 2012
- Integrated Regional Water Management Committee Feb. 2014

#### <u>2011 – 2012 Created</u>

- Members Helping Members
- Member Resource Assistance (Technical/Legal/Financial)
- Website Conversion/Enhancements



# **Small-Hydro Workshop** 2013 Thanks to our Hosts and Sponsors



	Workshop Agenda March 22, 2013
Iountain Counties           VATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION           9:00 a.m.	Introductions and Welcome Coffee and Pastries
9:30 a.m.	Brent Smith, P.E., Deputy Director c Heather Trejo, Environmental Speci > PCWA Small Hydro Project Overview
10:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>Rick Jones, P.E., Managing Principe</li> <li>Site Selection: Guidelines and Criteria</li> <li>Design</li> <li>License Exemptions</li> <li>Case Study</li> </ul>
10:30 a.m.	Ron Skaggs, P.E., Principal/Vice Pre Condor EarthTechnologies Geologic Siting and Geotechnical Con
9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12 noon	<ul> <li>Matthew Swindle, CEO, NLine Energy</li> <li>New Small Hydro Technologies</li> <li>Interconnection: New Rule 21 Standards</li> <li>State and Federal legislative Movement Regarding Small Hydro: Several bills that would positively affect small hydro development</li> <li>Funding and Financing Projects: New pricing tariffs and methods to particularly important for Mountain Counties that reserves and bonds</li> </ul>
11:30 a.m.	Brian Mueller, P.E., Engineering Director, EID Case Study of EID's Efforts for an In-Conduit Hydro
12 noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Ken Fonnesbeck, P.E., Senior Associate, Mead</li> <li>Initial Screening Studies: feasibility, engineering d selection and construction</li> </ul>
1:30 p.m.	Joe Domenichelli, P.E., President, Domenichell
2:00 p.m.	Questions and Answers

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# <u>Membership</u> <u>Strategic Planning Workshops</u>

January 6, 2012 - Tuolumne Utilities District

January 27, 2012 - Placer County Water Agency

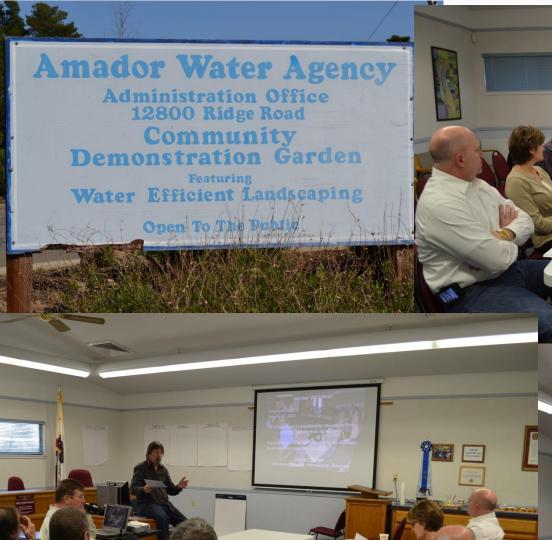




## **Board of Director Workshops**

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# Messaging

#### There is no silver bullet

- Advance the stewardship of not only the Sierra Nevada Mountains, but across all the watersheds and headwaters in the State,
- Increase the water carrying capacity in the watersheds,
- Increase surface water supply and storage starting at the crest of the Sierra,
- Reduce demand by increased water efficiency practices,
- Optimize recycling opportunities, groundwater injection, and desalination.

#### **Bottom Line**

#### The State needs to:

Enlist the stakeholders and stewards of the Delta's source water in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to help find a holistic "Delta Solution" that works for all of California that includes:

- Upstream Storage/Supply starting at the Crest
- Operational and Regulatory Assurances

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Safeguard and ensure that one region's water supply does not compromise another regions water reliability