

Upper American River Watershed Program
Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP)
Plan Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting #6 Draft Summary

April 28, 2023, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
El Dorado County (Conference Room D)
330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

Meeting Objectives:

- Provide updates on the development and content of the Programmatic Watershed Plan (PWP) for the Upper American River Watershed Program (UARWP).
- Review, refine, and confirm the identified watershed resource management strategies (RMS).
- Review and refine projects evaluation criteria and initial screening.

Attendees: See attachment on last page for list of meeting participants.

Action Items:

#	Item	Owner	Timeframe
1	Send out meeting slides, summary	Stantec	By May 5 th , 2023
2	Review the handouts and provide feedback	PAG Members	By May 19 th , 2023
3	Coordination with partners to review the RMS, projects, and prioritized list	El Dorado Water Agency and Stantec	By June 2 nd , 2023
4	Provide updated draft PWP to the PAG for review	Stantec	By June 16 th , 2023

Presentation Materials: See attached PowerPoint slide deck.

Meeting Summary:

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

- All attendees provided self-introductions.
- Ansel Lundberg will be leaving Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Darold Perry will take their place in the PAG as SMUD’s representative.

2. Recap Timeline, PWP Review and Development Process

- Changes to the PWP development process were discussed. Originally, PWP was planned to be completed by June per El Dorado Water Agency’s (Agency) WaterSMART grant agreement. The Agency is requesting a time extension through early fall to allow more time for more stakeholder and PAG review and contributions. Two additional PAG meetings are planned to review the draft plan and supporting materials.
- Changes in the PWP outline were discussed, including moving the originally planned content for “Chapter 6 – Agency’s Actions and Policy/Guidance” to a separate document. Instead, Chapter 6 will focus on collective implementation of the PWP. This change was made to better align the implementation chapter to the intended use of the PWP which is a policy-focused plan with actions to support the collective implementation and create watershed-wide benefits throughout the Upper American River and portions of Cosumnes River watersheds that are within El Dorado County. It was emphasized that these changes do not alter the Agency’s commitment to the UARWP or the intended use of the PWP.
- Revisions were made to the PWP’s additional goals to reflect a focus on implementation across all partners. Revisions were reviewed and confirmed with the PAG.

3. Resource Management Strategies

- The Draft PWP includes 13 RMS. It was noted that each RMS represents a strategic direction of what needs to be done and identified partner agencies who have specific roles and responsibilities for implementation (e.g., lead, support, facilitate).
- The 4 RMS which most address watershed challenges are:
 - *RMS 9 – Improve Watershed Management*
 - *RMS 11 – Reduce the Risk of Flooding in Communities*
 - *RMS 12 – Promote Fire-Adapted Communities*
 - *RMS 13 – Increase Community Capacity for Sustainable Management and Resilience to Major Disasters*
- The PAG discussed tracking the progress through the implementation of the PWP, prior to the PWP five-year update. It was agreed that detailed performance measures will not be included in this ongoing iteration of the PWP development, but performance measures should be developed in the future. It was discussed that progress can be tracked through the implementation of prioritized projects identified to support the RMS and management actions.
- Feedback on RMS principal implementing agencies was provided by the PAG based on ongoing related work. This includes adding U.S. Forest Service to *RMS 9.1c*, *9.3a*, and *9.3g*; and adding SMUD to *RMS 9.2d*.
- PAG members were asked to review the proposed RMS and principal implementing agencies and to provide feedback in two weeks after the meeting.

4. Project List and Prioritization

- An overview of PWP Chapter 5 draft prioritized project list was provided.
- It was noted that a full project list was developed for the purpose of the PWP and will be maintained as projects evolve and external grant opportunities arise.
- Only projects that meet the WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects eligibility criteria and are in the planning or implementation-ready stage will be prioritized in this PWP. However, a complete inventory of the identified projects will be maintained for future references.
- Feedback was solicited from the PAG on the draft prioritized project list and evaluation criteria.
 - Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD) requested another review of their projects. The Agency and technical support team will revisit these projects to ensure consistency in prioritization approach. The Agency and technical support team will coordinate follow-up discussions with on this subject.
 - USFS staff expressed interest to provide updates on their corresponding projects as many are in various stages of progress which is different than currently listed in the project description. The technical support team will follow up to solicit their input for revisions.
 - SMUD confirmed that they did not anticipate having many projects included on the PWP project list; however, their new representative Darold Perry will be able to provide more input on this subject.
 - It was suggested that a crosswalk between strategies and projects be included to gain a better understanding of watershed RMS coverage.

5. Next Steps

- The Agency and technical support will continue draft PWP development.
- Participants agreed on their availability for PAG Meeting #7, which will be held on Friday, June 23rd at 10:30 am.

6. Adjourn

- With no further business, the group adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Meeting Participants

* = virtual participant

Meeting Participant	Agency (in alphabetical order by agency)
Group Members	
Jeffrey Warren	County of El Dorado, Environmental Management Department
Lew Moeller	Department of Water Resources
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Ken Payne	El Dorado Water Agency
Kyle Ericson	El Dorado Water Agency
Rebecca Guo	El Dorado Water Agency
Nicholas Schneider	Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
Ansel Lundberg	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
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Lee Mao	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Jeff Mabe	U.S. Forest Service
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