



Watershed Group Workshop

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 11AM – 2PM

Location: El Dorado County Office (330 Fair Lane in Placerville) - Conference Room D

Workshop Purpose

Headwaters Connect (formerly the Upper American River Watershed Group) has been meeting regularly to explore opportunities to promote sustainable use of water resources in the upper American and Cosumnes River watersheds. Participants are invited to join, as the watershed group reconvenes under the new structure of Headwaters Connect, to discuss process and explore opportunities to leverage the watershed group for advocacy, outreach, and coordinated initiatives.

Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
11:00	Welcome and Progress on Identified Initiatives <u>Purpose:</u> Welcome and reconvene the group as Headwaters Connect, continuing to evolve and adapt in order to advance the mission to: <i>Collaboratively steward the headwaters of the American and Cosumnes River watersheds by advancing responsible management of natural, built, and social systems for watershed health and community resilience.</i> • Review progress on advancing Headwater Connect identified initiatives • Members updates	Rebecca Guo, El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) Orit Kalman, Facilitator Hannah Romero, EDWA Mark Egbert, El Dorado & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts All



11:30	Headwaters Connect Rebranding and Roll Out <u>Purpose:</u> Introduce the rebranding of the watershed group as Headwaters Connect in response to 2025 workshop suggestion to develop a collective identity and create an online presence. • Rebrand rollout, purpose, and opportunities	Hannah Romero Laura Rodarte, Placer County Water Agency
12:00	Grab Lunch and Take a Short Break	
12:30	Advocacy and Collaboration Guidelines and Opportunities <u>Purpose:</u> Identify approaches and best practices for growing the Headwaters Connect brand, building on the previous workshop's discussion on external outreach, including strategies to support advocacy for partner projects and collaborative Headwaters Connect initiatives. • Members roles and collaboration • Advocacy process and guidelines	Orit Kalman
1:10	Building on Headwaters Connect Momentum <u>Purpose:</u> Discuss opportunities for collaboration under collective identity development and landscape-scale project implementation. • Improvements and building out the Headwaters Connect website • Reaffirm focus areas and identify additional opportunities for Headwaters Connect and partner projects	Yung-Hsin Sun, Sunzi Consulting Hannah Romero
1:50	Next Steps and Closing <u>Purpose:</u> Summarize key takeaways and identify follow up activities to sustain momentum.	Orit Kalman Rebecca Guo
2:00	Adjourn	