



## Upper American River Watershed Group (UARWG)

### 2025-26 UARWG Initiatives

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 10:00am – 1:00pm

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

Following the previous UARWG workshop in December 2024, the group is reconvening to reassess collaboration opportunities. Building on pre-workshop survey responses, this workshop will facilitate information sharing and gather additional insights to help steer the group's collective initiatives.

### Desired Outcomes:

1. Clear understanding of the unique value this watershed group adds through collaboration.
2. Agreement on coordination and collaboration opportunities to pursue in 2025-2026.

### Preworkshop Materials:

- Workshop Agenda
- UARWG charter

### Agenda:

| Time  | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Presenter(s)                                                                                                       |
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| 10:00 | Welcome and Introductions<br><br><u>Purpose:</u> Welcome and reconvene the UARWG, reflecting on this past year's experience of pursuing a shared project and exploring new opportunities for collaboration moving forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcoming remarks</li><li>• Review of meetings agenda and desired outcomes</li><li>• Introductions</li></ul> | Rebecca Guo,<br>General Manager,<br>El Dorado Water<br>Agency (EDWA)<br><br>Orit Kalman,<br>Facilitator<br><br>All |
| 10:20 | Review Progress on Advancing UARWG Stated Goals<br><br><u>Purpose:</u> Review the workgroup's goals (as outlined in the Charter) and progress made toward advancing them,                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Orit Kalman, All                                                                                                   |

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|       | <p>while also providing time for participants to share about their work to inform and learn from one another.</p> <p><u>Group Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are key lessons learned that may inform our collaborative work in the coming year?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                             |
| 10:40 | <p>UARWG's Role in Advancing Watershed Health and Community Resilience</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Reflecting on participants' collective knowledge, the group will consider what makes a collaborative group effective and which attributes the UARWG should prioritize.</p> <p><u>Group discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What aspects of participating in collaboratives are most helpful, and what challenges arise?</li> <li>Drawing on participants' experiences in other collaboratives, what unique value does this watershed group provide?</li> </ul> | <p>Orit Kalman</p> <p>Hannah Romero,<br/>Water Resources<br/>Principal, EDWA</p> <p>All</p> |
| 11:00 | <p>UARWG 2025-26 Information Sharing and Advocacy</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Assess collaboration opportunities for developing internal information sharing and external collective identity megaphone.</p> <p><u>Group discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What information sharing options would be most appropriate to support this group's needs?</li> <li>How do we amplify member organizations perspectives and expertise as a collective?</li> <li>What tools can we use for campaigning and advocacy?</li> </ul>                                        | <p>Rebecca Guo, All</p>                                                                     |
| 12:00 | Grab Lunch and Take a Short Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                             |
| 12:15 | <p>UARWG 2025-26 Collaboration Opportunities</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Identify opportunities for collaboration that align with the group's role and goals.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Rebecca Guo</p> <p>Hannah Romero</p> <p>All</p>                                          |
| 12:45 | Next Steps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Orit Kalman, All                                                                            |

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|      | <p><u>Purpose:</u> Summarize group interest in advancing upcoming UARWG engagement opportunities and outline key action items.</p> <p><u>Reflections:</u> Share key takeaways and next steps</p> |  |
| 1:00 | Adjourn                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |