

## Advisory Committee Meeting #1

**Date:** September 9, 2024  
**Project name:** American River Watershed Resilience Pilot Study  
**Project no:** W8Y34200

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## Attendees

### Project Team

| Name           | Organization/Role |
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| Ryan Ojakian   | RWA               |
| Jim Peifer     | RWA               |
| Trevor Joseph  | RWA               |
| Devyani Kar    | Jacobs            |
| Sirisha Nemani | Jacobs            |
| Reed Thayer    | Jacobs            |
| Armin Munevar  | Jacobs            |
| Grace Kaufman  | Valley Vision     |
| Gretchen James | Valley Vision     |
| Ibrahim Khadam | Khadam Consulting |

### Focus Group

| Name            |
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| Ted Rauh        |
| Ross Miller     |
| Greg Jones      |
| Brian Sanders   |
| Tony Firenzi    |
| Jose Hermocillo |
| Clyde Macdonald |
| Christine Kohn  |
| Jessica Law     |
| Ashlee Casey    |
| Jerry Azevedo   |

## Minutes

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| Name             |
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| Rebecca Guo      |
| Brett Ewart      |
| Michelle Banonis |
| John Ruetten     |
| Kerry Schmitz    |
| Laura Rodarte    |
| John Ruetter     |
| Michelle B       |

## Meeting Notes

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) is the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant recipient and one of the five pilot programs.

Jacobs is the prime contractor. Valley Vision and Ibrahim Khadam are subconsultants.

Initial part of plan development will be outreach heavy. The plan will also include technical work. All tasks will progress in parallel.

This Advisory group is formed to include subject area experts to obtain advice on the gap analysis and technical analysis.

### Boundary Map

- HUC8 has been used to create the boundary map. Draft boundary map was shared by DWR to RWA in late July. This map did not include lower Sacramento.
- DWR also suggests capturing headwaters to end.
- Areas included in the boundary are as follows:
  - Bear and American River HUC8s are included.
  - Cosumnes River watershed is included (but part of it is not included in basin study).
  - Upper Bear watershed is included.
  - The boundary deviates from HUC8 line at Nevada County.
  - Nevada Irrigation District is added since they have been a partner with RWA. This will allow Nevada Irrigation District (NID) to include studies in the gap analysis too.
  - The City of West Sacramento will be included since they are member agency; Also likely to include Yolo, Fremont weir.
  - Boundary will follow HUC 8 near Bear River.
  - Upper watershed does not need to be included, since it may not add a lot of value (Wheatland area).

RWA is to share a map with all 48 watersheds with the Advisory group to look for overlap areas.

The first focus group to be met with will be frontline communities.