

# American River Basin Study

Executive Steering Committee Meeting # 3  
October 24, 2017, 1-3 pm



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# Meeting Agenda

## 1. Introductions

## 2. Recap of to-date development and the Plan of Study

- Study objectives and anticipated outcomes
- Basin Study Requirements
- Federal and non-Federal cost-shares & Reporting Requirements
- Team roles and responsibilities
- Schedule and product dependency

## 3. Discussion

- Relationship with other projects and program
- scenarios to be evaluated in the ARBS

## 4. Near-term Activities (3-6 month)

## 5. Next-Steps/Action Items

# Recap

**March 2016** - Reclamation released a solicitation seeking letters of interest for prospective Basin Study candidates

**June 2016** - Proposal for an American River Basin Study (ARBS) submitted by six non-Federal Partners

- Placer County Water Agency
- City of Roseville
- City of Sacramento
- El Dorado County Water Agency
- City of Folsom
- Regional Water Authority

**September 2016** - Award of \$650K by Reclamation for the ARBS; \$1.8M proposed by non-Federal Partners as in-kind matching contributions.

**June 28, 2017** –MOA for the ARBS fully signed by Reclamation and six non-Federal Partners

**December 28, 2020** – MOA expires

# WaterSMART Basin Studies

## Focus

- Evaluate the impacts of **climate change** and help ensure sustainable water supplies by identifying strategies to address **imbalances** in water supply and demand.
- Basins and subbasins in the 17 western states.

## Utility

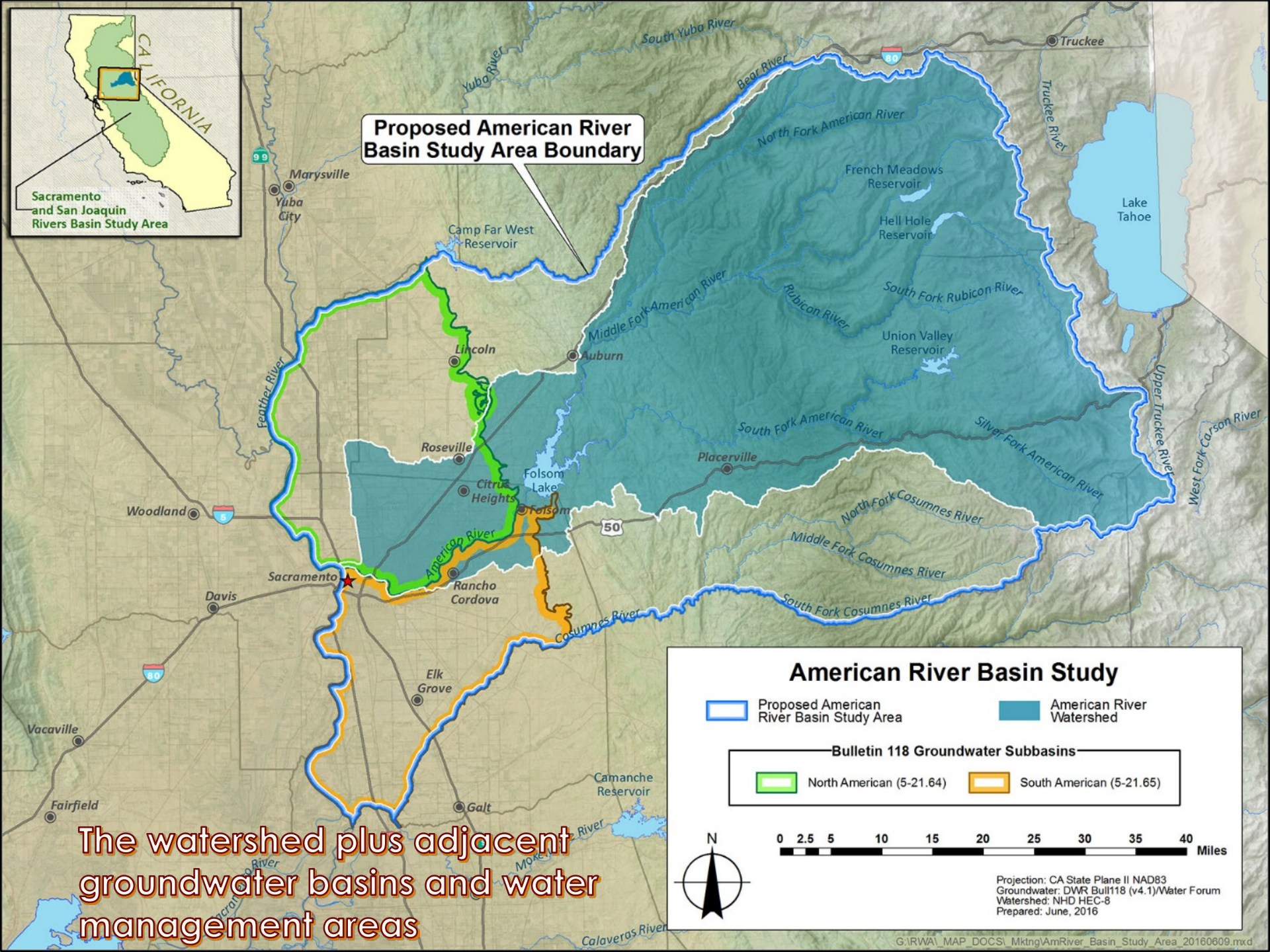
- The resulting **recommendations** DO NOT constitute Federal decisions or authorization; however, further feasibility studies for such purposes are possible under the authorizing legislation.

# Required Basin Study Elements

- Develop projections of future water supply and demand in the basin, including an assessment of risk to the water supply relating to potential changes in climate.
- Analyze how existing water and power infrastructure and operations will perform in the face of changing water realities (including ecosystem, recreation, and water quality).
- Develop adaptation and mitigation strategies specific to the American River Basin within the broad context of the SSJRBS to address identified imbalances between current and future supplies and demands.
- Complete a trade-off analysis of the identified options, including an analysis of all options in terms of their relative cost, environmental impact, risk, stakeholder response, or other common attributes.



**Proposed American River Basin Study Area Boundary**



### American River Basin Study

- Proposed American River Basin Study Area
- American River Watershed

**Bulletin 118 Groundwater Subbasins**

- North American (5-21.64)
- South American (5-21.65)

0 2.5 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 Miles

Projection: CA State Plane II NAD83  
 Groundwater: DWR Bull118 (v4.1)/Water Forum  
 Watershed: NHD HEC-8  
 Prepared: June, 2016

The watershed plus adjacent groundwater basins and water management areas

# Study Objectives

- Further refine the assessment of water supplies and demands for the American River Basin
- Address regional **demand-supply imbalance** and infrastructure deficiencies under the existing and **future climate change conditions**.
- Improve regional collaboration for sustainable water resources management.
- Improve **coordination of local and Federal water management** to improve regional water supply reliability and develop strategies to increase Reclamation's operational flexibility of Folsom Reservoir to meet all purposes of the CVP.
- Align water management tools, strategies, and planning efforts of Reclamation and water agencies in the basin.

# Anticipated Outcomes

- Unified modeling data, and assumptions for Federal and Regional planning in the American River Basin (climate change hydrology, upper watershed operations, and temperature).
- Assessment of imbalance at build-out under climate change conditions
- Assessment of how a range of selected adaptations can reduce these imbalances

# Federal and Non-Federal Cost-Share

## Reclamation

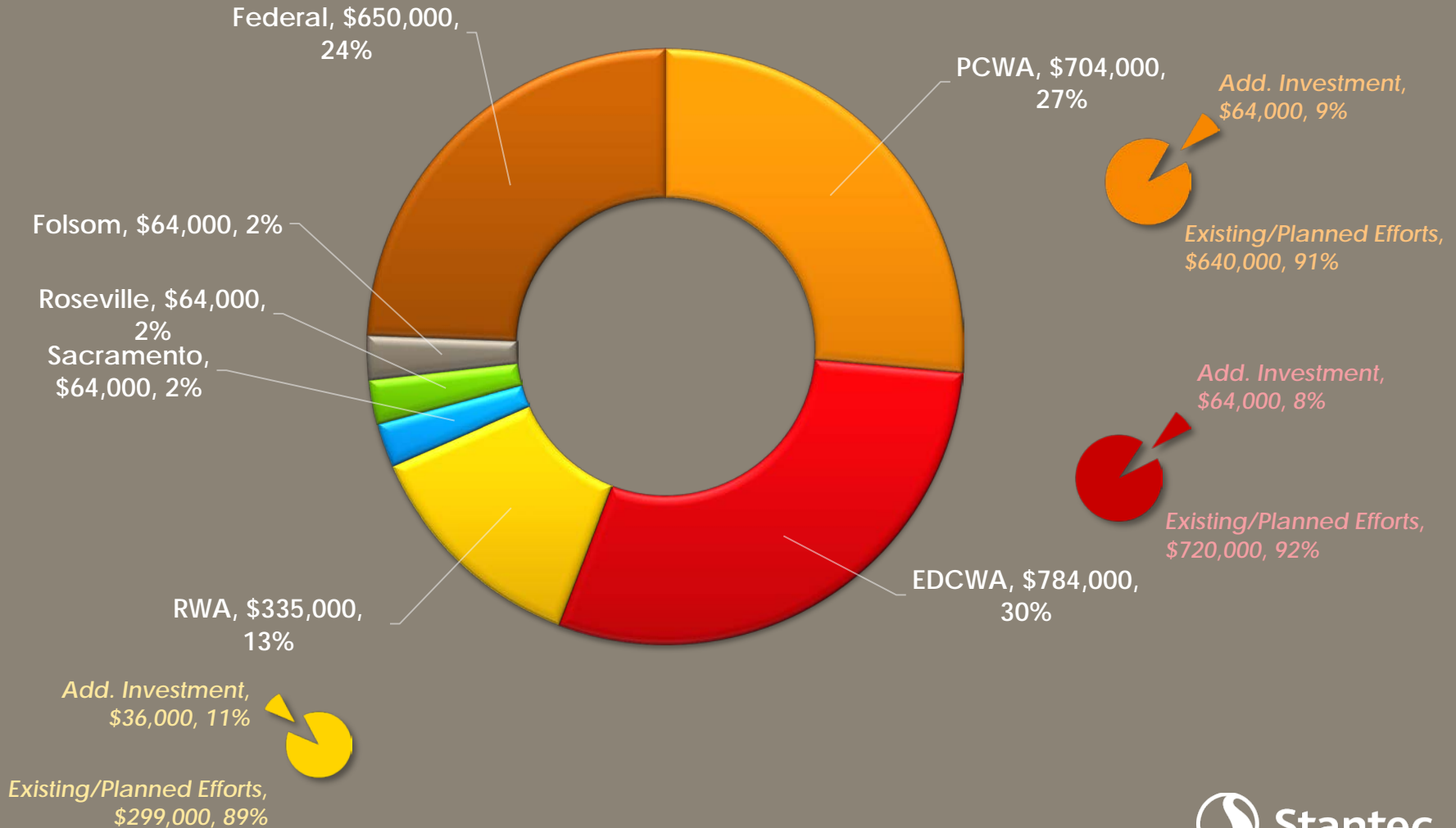
- \$650k for preparation of the ARBS
- \$60k re-programmed from 2016 Reclamation American River Technical Services Work to prepare climate hydrology needed for ARBS
- Requesting additional funds from Reclamation's Basin Study Program to fund remaining TSC work

## Non-Federal Partners Costs

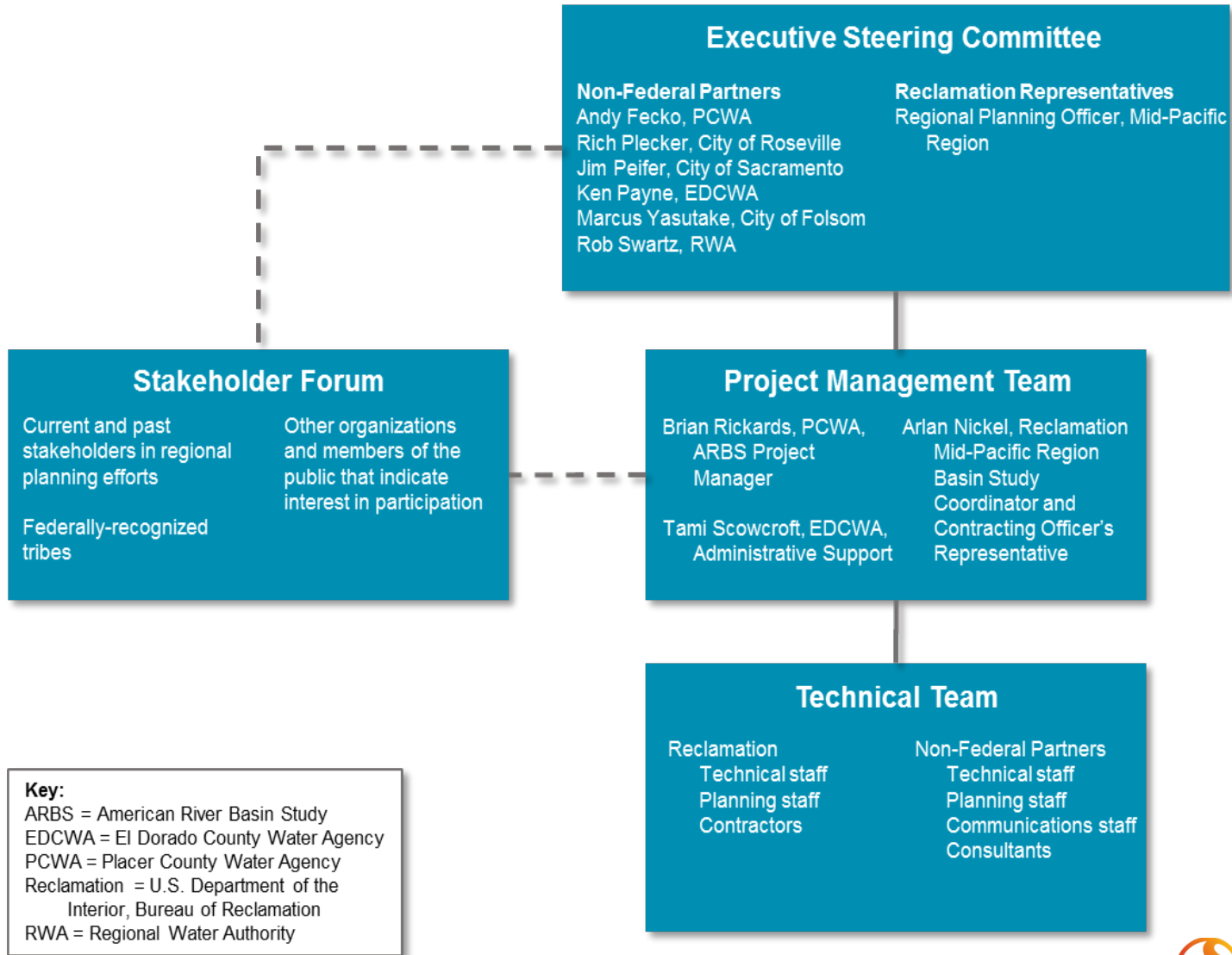
- In-kind \$1.7 million (includes cost-share products, non-Federal Partners staff time, and additional direct expenditure)
- Additional direct expenditure costs:
  - \$30k POS (Q1 2017) (PCWA, SAC, Folsom, Roseville, EDCWA)
  - \$30k Revised Demands under Climate Change (Q1 2018) (PCWA, SAC, Roseville)
  - \$200k additional adaption Strategies to be analyzed (e.g. RiverARC, Alder Creek). (Q4 2018) (PCWA, SAC, Folsom, Roseville, EDCWA)

# ARBS Cost = \$2,665,000

Strategy: Minimum 50% non-federal cost share required. A higher percentage indicates greater commitment.



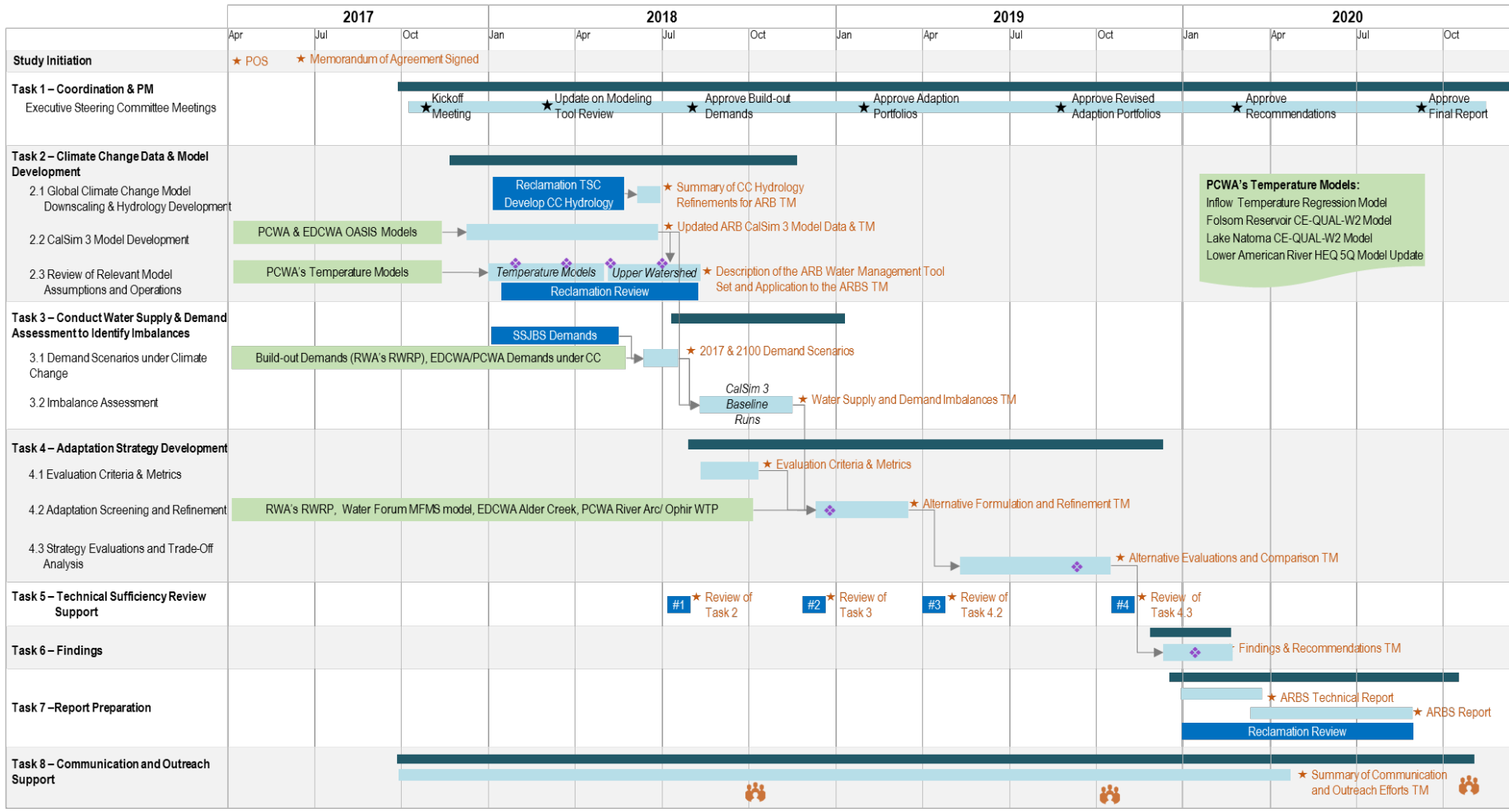
# Management Structure



# Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Reclamation
  - Mid-Pacific Region
  - TSC
  - Contractor
- Non-Federal Partners
- Stakeholders

# Schedule and Product Dependency



**PCWA's Temperature Models:**  
 Inflow Temperature Regression Model  
 Folsom Reservoir CE-QUAL-W2 Model  
 Lake Natoma CE-QUAL-W2 Model  
 Lower American River HEQ 5Q Model Update

◆ Technical Workshop    
 👥 Stakeholder Meeting    
   Reclamation Activity    
   Non-Federal Cost Share Contribution



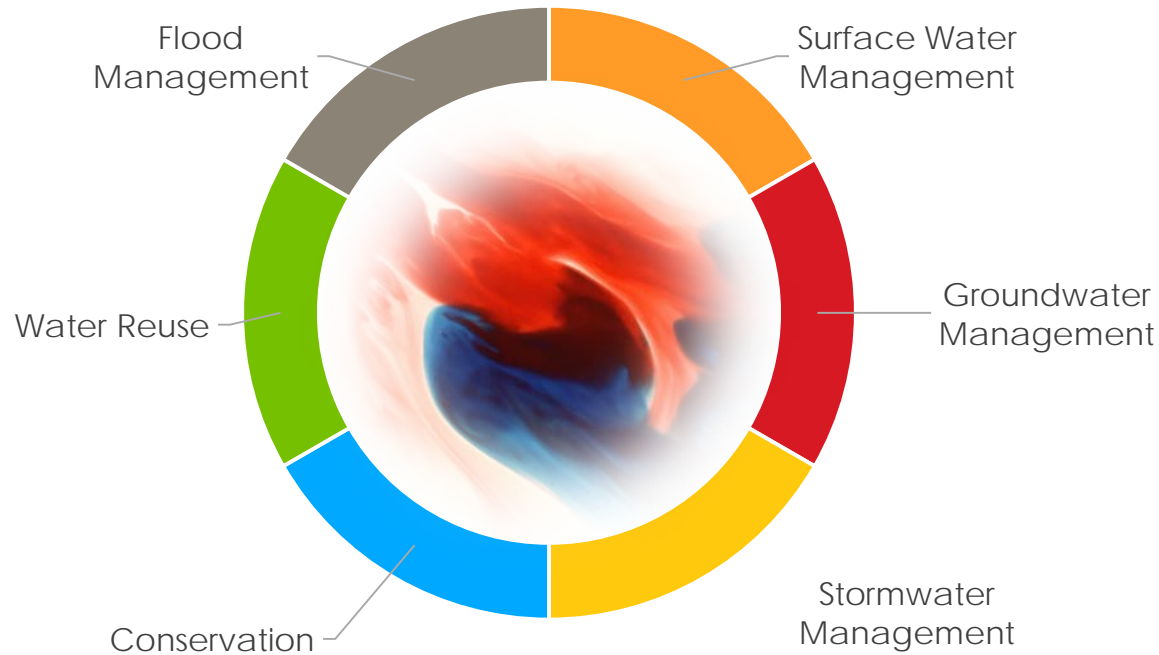
# Other Related Regional Efforts

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# The Scope of What We Do

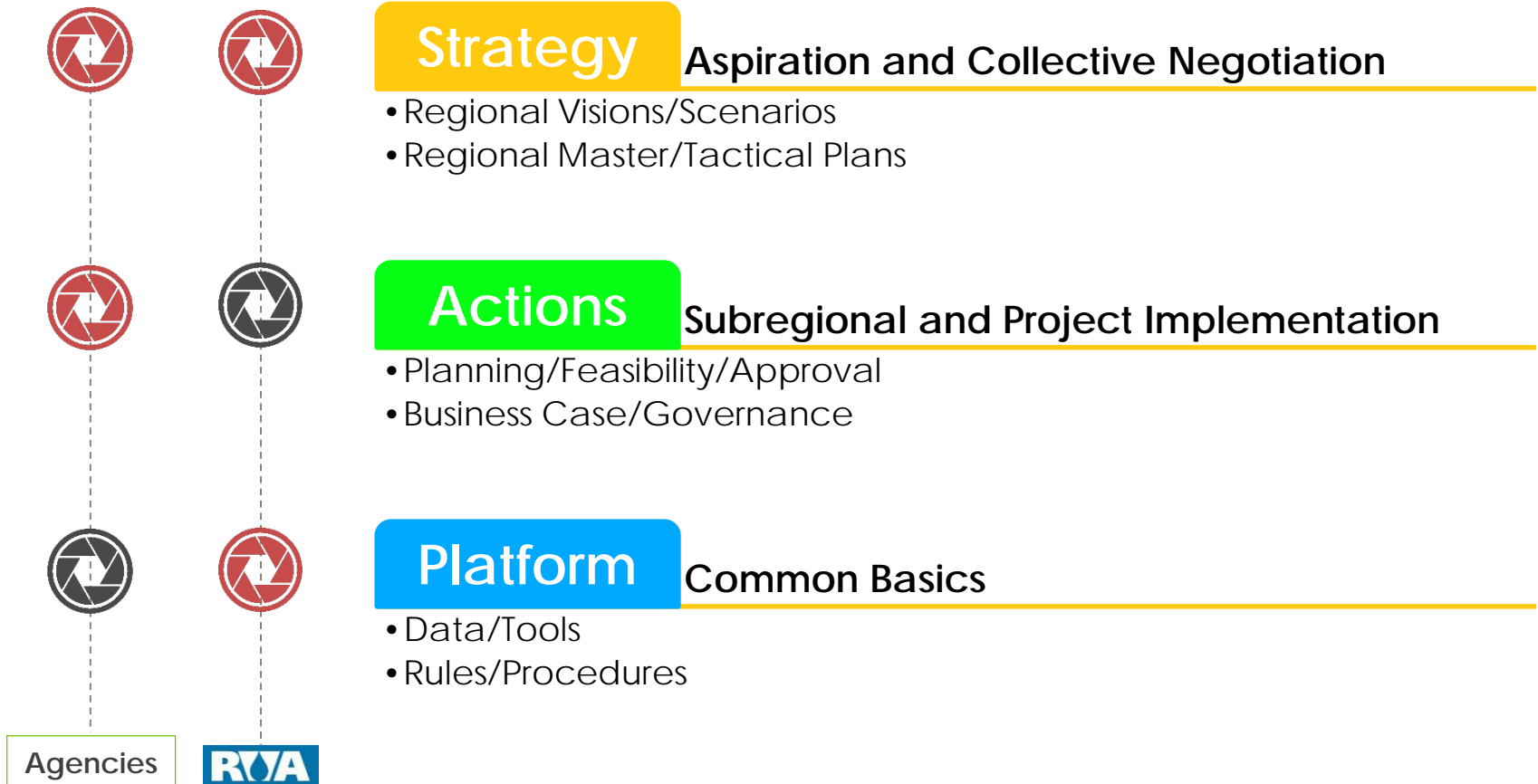
Integrated Water Management with  
Many Possible Crosslinks and Benefits



# Outcome-based Regional Approach

Provides value in orchestrating distributed but integrated efforts to address different strategic intents and anticipated outcomes without overly burdening or encroaching autonomy of individual entities

# Outcomes and Focus



FOCUS  primary  
 secondary

# Example Key Activities

Regional Drought Contingency Plan (RDCP) 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Regional Water Reliability Plan (RWRP) 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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American River Basin Study (ARBS) 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Water Marketing Strategy Project (WMSP) 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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PCWA's RiverArc 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Stormwater Resource Plans (SWRP) 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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ARB IRWMP Update 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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EDCWA's Supplemental Water Right Project 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) 

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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# How they Fit

Near-term

Short-term and Built-out

Near and Long-term Future  
Climate Change

## Strategy

### Aspiration and Collective Negotiation

- Regional Visions/Scenarios (e.g. RDCP, RWRP, ARBS)
- Regional Master/Tactical Plans (e.g., SWRP, IRWMP)

## Actions

### Subregional and Project Implementation

- Planning/Feasibility/Approval
- Business Case/Governance

## Platform

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Reclamation engagement

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System operation models (SW with GW; upstream and CVP/SWP system)  
CC data and upstream operations  
Folsom Lake and Lower American River Temperature Models

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- Business Case/Governance (e.g., WMSP; PCWA's RiverArc, EDCWA's SWRP)

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- Data/Tools (e.g., ARBS, GSP)
- Rules/Procedures (e.g., WMSP)

Groundwater Models;  
Monitoring and reporting

Water Accounting Framework, or  
equivalent

# Feedback on

The first look at a renewed  
perspective on regional  
collaboration

# Near-term Activities (3-6 months)

1. CalSim 3 Base Model preparation
  - Upstream models review and incorporation
  - Regional distribution and allocation updates
  - CC hydrology and evaluation method
2. Review and Acceptance of Lower American River and Folsom Lake Temperature Models
3. Demand Projections
  - Agency demand updates
  - Statewide demands under CC
4. Refine interconnection among projects and programs, and the product dependency

# Next-Steps/ Action Items

- ESC meeting in 6 months
- PMT meetings are monthly
- Technical Team meetings, as needed