

# Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

For the Upper Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba river Watersheds (CABY)

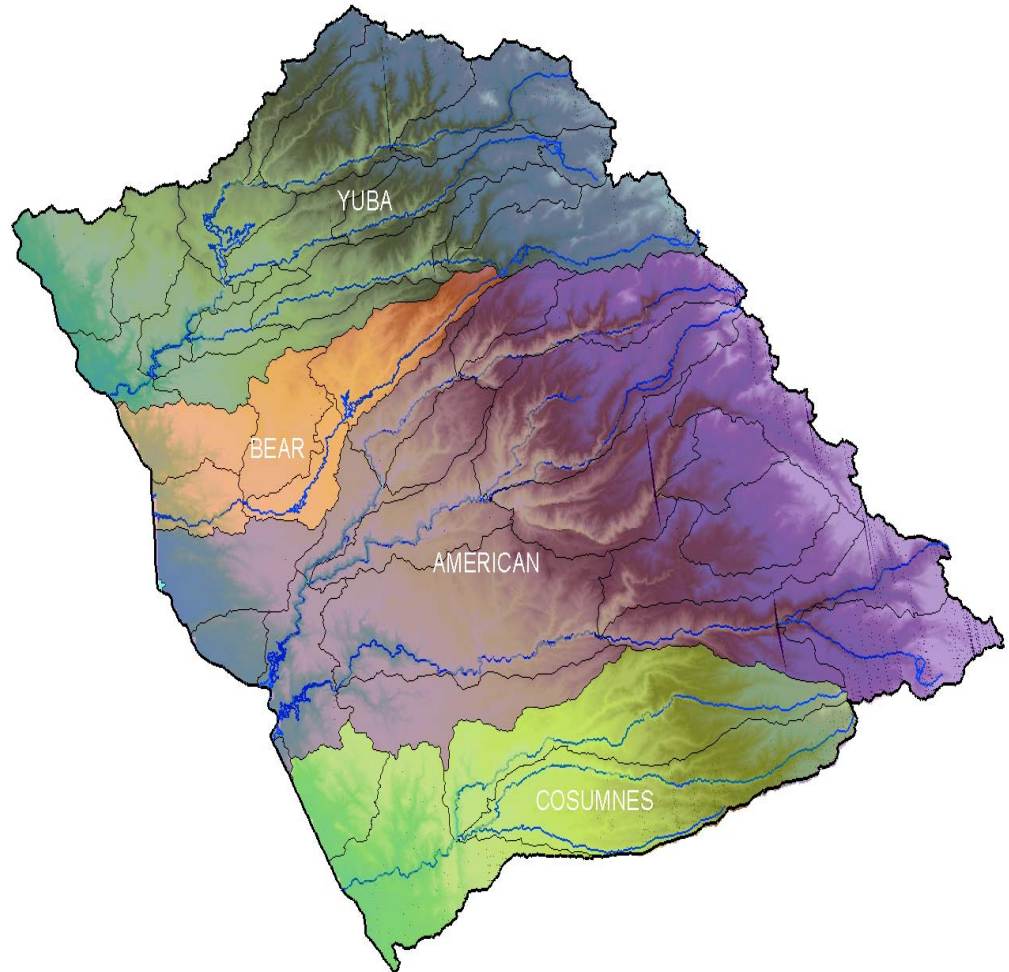


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# What is an IRWMP for the CABY Region?

- Integrated **R**egional **W**ater **M**anagement **P**lan (IRWMP), **C**osumnes, **A**merican, **B**ear and **Y**uba Watersheds (CABY)
- A planning document that identifies broadly-supported goals/objectives/actions: voluntary, non-binding
- Informed by the various pre-existing plans in the region
- Endorsed and implemented by a united community



# [ Grant Launch Team ]

## Water Agencies:

- El Dorado Irrigation District (financial manager)
- El Dorado County Water Agency
- Placer County Water Agency
- Nevada Irrigation District
- Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

## Federal Agency:

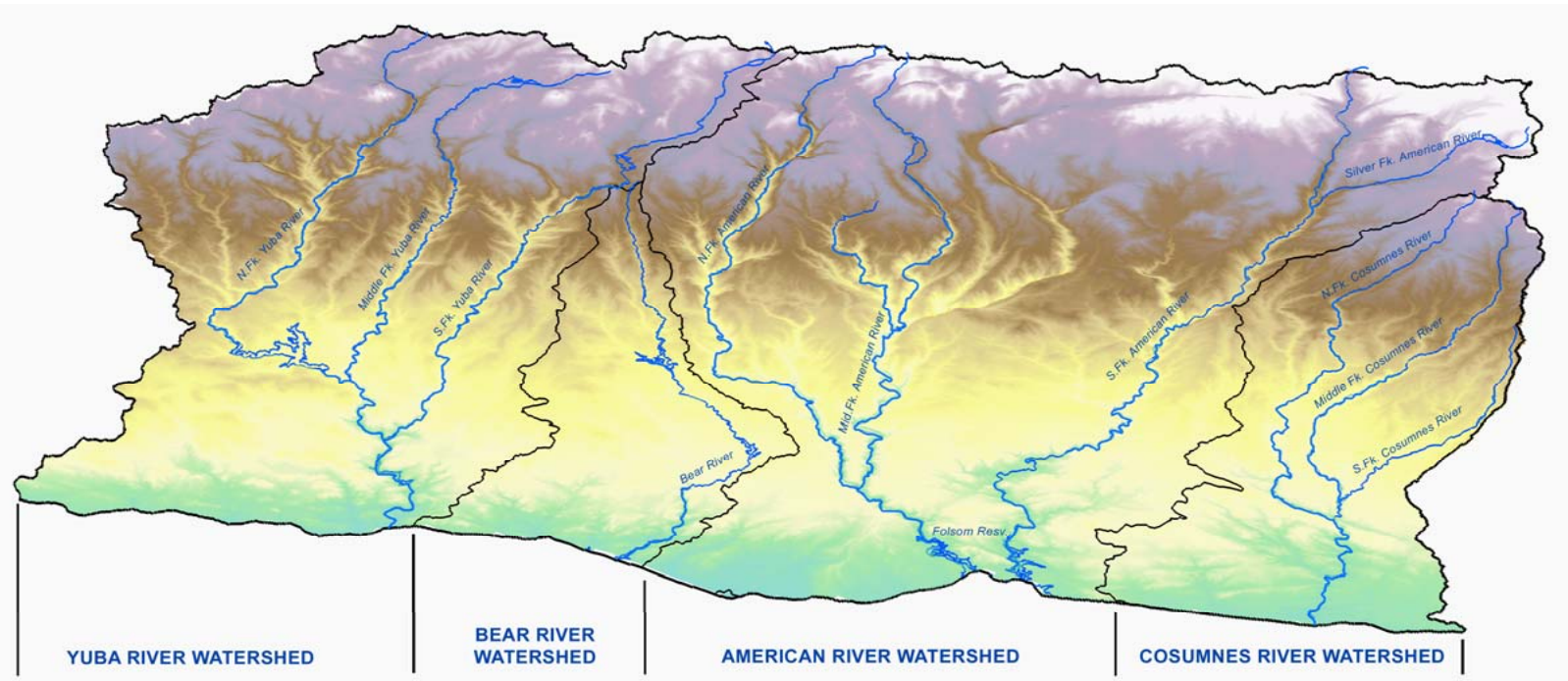
- U.S. Forest Service

## Non-Governmental Organizations:

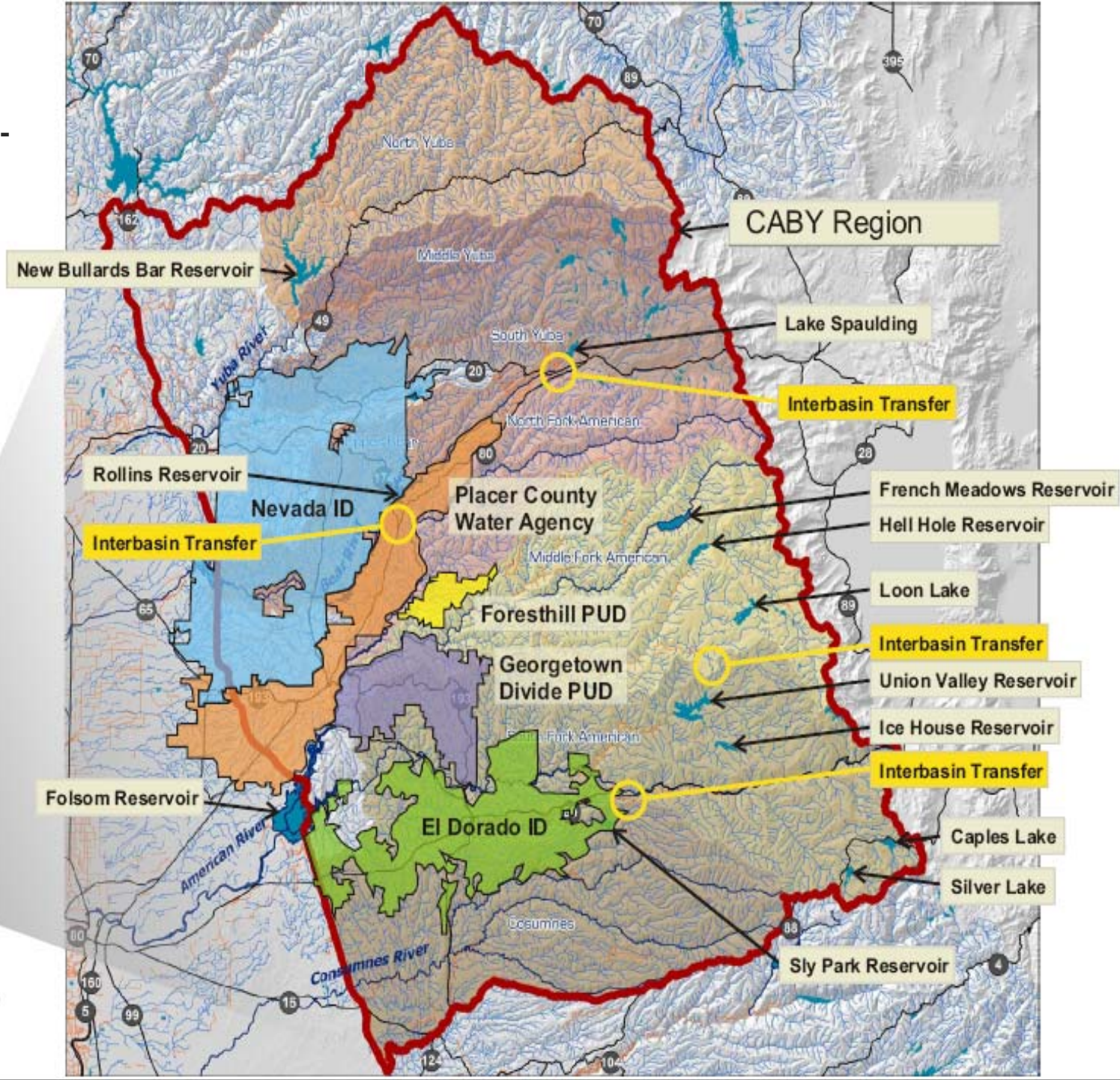
- Sierra Nevada Alliance
- Natural Heritage Institute
- South Yuba Citizens League
- American Rivers

# Why is it important?

- Water resource management requires a regional approach



■ **CABY Region -  
Sierra Nevada  
Pilot Project**



# [ What are we addressing? ]

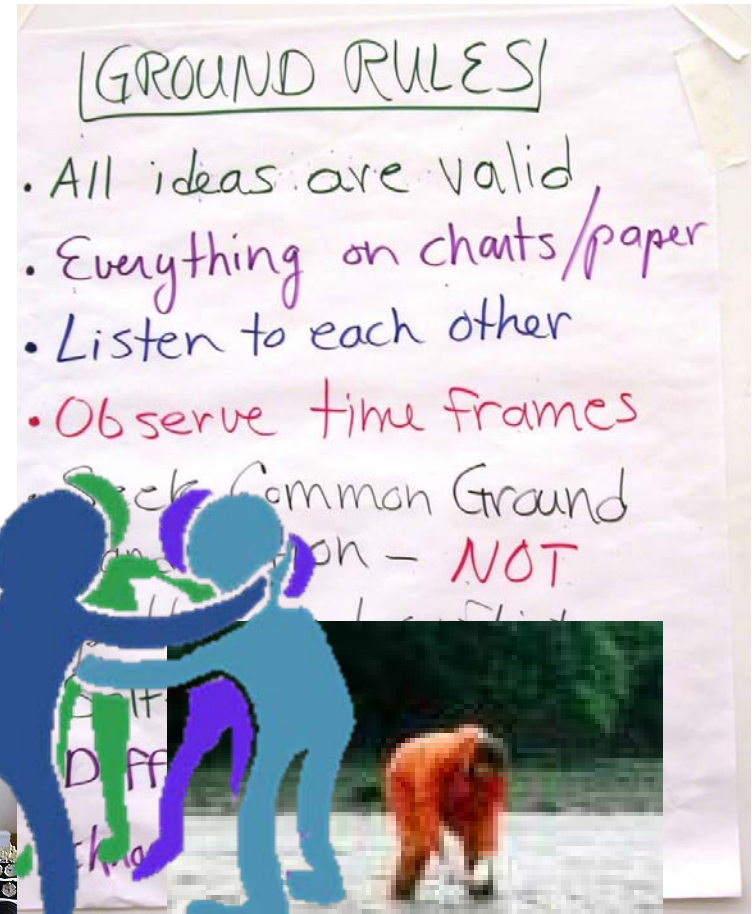


## CABY Issues:

- water supply
- environmental & habitat
- water quality
- groundwater
- flooding

# [What makes it work?]

- participation
- collaboration
- technical support
- data





# Watershed Groups and NGO Representation

- American River Watershed Group
- South Fork American River Watershed Group
- Bear River Watershed Group
- Yuba-Bear Watershed Council
- Foothills Network
- Friends of Deer Creek
- South Yuba Citizens League
- The Nature Conservancy
- Sierra Nevada Alliance
- American Rivers
- Natural Heritage Institute



# What is the overarching Goals of the IRWMP

- To reliably meet the long-term water needs of the watersheds' residents, local industry, agriculture and natural resources.
- To protect, maintain, and improve surface and ground water quality.
- To develop and implement strategies to protect and enhance environmental resources.
- To promote and improve recreational opportunities.
- To manage water resources in coordination with land use activities and planning.



# Management Areas

- **Water Supply**

Goals → Objectives → Strategies

- **Water Quality**

Goals → Objectives → Strategies

- **Environment and Habitat**

Goals → Objectives → Strategies

- **Recreation**

Goals → Objectives → Strategies

- **Land Use**

Goals → Objectives → Strategies

# Project selection and prioritization

- Detailed application process.
- Step 1 and step 2 process for application submittal.
- Project review and scoring for regional integration and specific criteria.
- Projects ranked by scoring.



# IRWMP Governance and Implementation

- **Three-year phased approach for implementation, tasks include:**
  - development of a regional entity (LLC or Non-Profit)
  - grant proposal preparation and submittal
  - advocacy
  - coordination
  - performance measures/monitoring
  - annual project review and selection
  - data management
  - fiscal tracking
- **Funding for regional entity will initially come from EID, NID, PCWA and EDCWA.**
- **In kind staff from other organizations**



**Questions?**