

Who's Who in the Feather River Watershed



This document was developed to help address questions about organizations and relationships within the Upper Feather River region related to water and watershed management.

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Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee (a.k.a. ABWAC)

The Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee was created by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors to address water quality, land use, and critical habitat issues in the Lake Almanor Basin.

American Whitewater

The goals of American Whitewater are to restore rivers dewatered by hydropower dams, eliminate water degradation, improve public land management and protect public access to rivers for responsible recreational use. In the Feather River region, American Whitewater is involved in the relicensing and license implementation of a number of FERC hydroelectric projects, as well as the development of river recreation facilities and opportunities, such as the Rock Creek Dam bench.

Butte County

About one-third of Butte County (over 500 square miles) encompasses part of the Upper Feather River watershed, including Lake Oroville and the town of Paradise. Butte County is a State Water Project contractor with access to water from Lake Oroville and the Feather River watershed.

Butte County Fire Safe Council

The Butte County Fire Safe Council is a non-profit, public benefit corporation formed in 1998 to reduce damage and devastation by providing safety in Butte County through wildfire hazard education and mitigation.

CalTrout

CalTrout was formed in 1970 as the nation's first statewide conservation group supported by trout fishermen. CalTrout's goal is to protect and restore trout and the beautiful places where they live.

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (a.k.a. CSPA)

CSPA is a longstanding nonprofit organization working for the conservation of California's fisheries and their aquatic habitat. CSPA seeks administrative remedies to restore degraded fisheries and their riverine habitat and guard against further threats.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

There are nine regional water quality control boards statewide. The nine Regional Boards are semi-autonomous and are comprised of part-time board members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Regional boundaries are based on watersheds and water quality requirements are based on the unique differences in climate, topography, geology and hydrology for each watershed. Each Regional Board makes water quality decisions for its region, including setting standards, issuing waste discharge requirements, determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions.

Chester Public Utility District

The Chester Public Utility District provides water and wastewater services to the community of Chester, serving a population of about 2,200 people. The community relies on groundwater, and there are seasonal discharges to treated water to Lake Almanor.

Committee to Save Lake Almanor

The Committee to Save Lake Almanor is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized to educate residents of the Almanor Basin about protecting the pristine waters and fishery of Lake Almanor.

East Quincy Services District

The East Quincy Services District provides water and wastewater services to the community of East Quincy in central Plumas County for a population of about 2,400 people. Water and wastewater systems are interconnected with the Quincy Community Services District, and both agencies comprise the American Valley Community Services Authority.

Feather River Canyon Community Services District

The Feather River Canyon CSD provides water to the communities of Grey's Flat, Maple Leaf/Little Indian Creek, Old Mill Ranch, Paxton, Tobin, and Twain along Highway 70 and the North Fork of the Feather River.

Feather River College

Feather River College is a public, two year community college offering a full curriculum, including majors in Agriculture, Environmental Studies, Equine Studies, and Outdoor Recreation Leadership. The college facilities include a trout hatchery as well as a native plant greenhouse that provides stock to support watershed restoration projects in the region.

Feather River Coordinated Resource Management (a.k.a. Feather River CRM)

Feather River Coordinated Resource Management was established in 1985 by a broad coalition of local, state, and federal agencies and non-governmental entities to protect, maintain, and enhance ecosystems and community stability in the Feather River watershed through collaborative landowner participation.

Members

California Department of Water Resources
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Natural Resources Conservation Service
North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development District
Plumas Corporation
Plumas County
Plumas National Forest
Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
Plumas County Community Development Commission
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Transportation
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Feather River College
Plumas Unified School District
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Plumas County Community Development Commission
U.C. Cooperative Extension
Feather River Resource Conservation District
Salmonid Restoration Federation
USDA Farm Services Agency
Trout Unlimited

Feather River Land Trust

The mission of the Feather River Land Trust is to conserve, restore and manage land in the Feather River region in cooperation with willing landowners for the benefit of current and future generations.

Feather River Resource Conservation District

The mission of the Feather River Resource Conservation District is to advocate resource conservation through education and collaborative efforts with willing landowners and organizations that promote economic and ecological sustainability.

Feather River Regional Water Management Group

The Feather River Regional Water Management Group is a consortium of agencies and non-governmental organizations working together under a Memorandum of

Understanding in the Upper Feather River watershed to implement the State of California's [Integrated Regional Water Management program](#) and comply with the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2008:

IRWM Planning Act of 2008

California Water Code

Div. 6. Conservation, Development, and Utilization of State Water Resources

Part 2.2. Integrated Regional Water Management Plans

Ch. 1. Short Title	10530
Ch. 2. Legislative Finding and Declarations	10531
Ch. 3. Definitions	10532-10539
Ch. 4. Integrated Regional Water Management Plans	10540-10543
Ch. 5. Funding for Qualified Projects and Programs	10544-10547
Ch. 6. Miscellaneous	10548-10550

As of July 1, 2009, agencies and organizations that have agreed to participate include:

City of Portola

County of Plumas

Feather River Coordinated Resource Management

Feather River Land Trust

Feather River Resource Conservation District

Gold Mountain Community Services District

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District

Greenville Rancheria

Grizzly Lake Resort Improvement District

Grizzly Ranch Community Services District

Maidu Summit Consortium

Mountain Meadows Conservancy

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Plumas Corporation

Plumas County Community Development Commission

Plumas County Fire Safe Council

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Plumas Eureka Community Services District

Plumas National Forest

Quincy Community Services District

Sierra County Fire Safe and Watershed Council

Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

U.C. Cooperative Extension

Walker Ranch Community Services District

Other agencies and organizations are in the process of reviewing the MOU and learning about the IRWM program.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (a.k.a. FERC)

FERC licenses and inspects hydroelectric projects and oversees environmental matters related to those projects. FERC-licensed projects in the Upper Feather River region include:

- Project 619 – Bucks Creek (PG&E - Bucks Lake)
- Project 1962 – Rock Creek/Cresta (PG&E - North Fork Feather River)
- Project 2088 – South Feather (South Feather Water & Power - Little Grass Valley)
- Project 2100 – Lake Oroville (California Department of Water Resources)
- Project 2105 – Upper North Fork Feather River (PG&E - Almanor/Butt Valley)
- Project 2107 – Poe (PG&E - North Fork Feather River)

Gold Mountain Community Services District

Gold Mountain CSD provides water, wastewater, and fire services to the community of Gold Mountain, a planned development of 400 homes located ten miles south of Portola in Plumas County.

Graeagle Water Company

Graeagle Water Company supplies water to the community of Graeagle in Plumas County.

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District

Greenhorn Creek CSD provides water service and a fire department to the community of Greenhorn, located off of Hwy 70/89, about half way between Quincy and Blairsden. The planned development includes 400 homes and commercial areas. The community relies entirely upon groundwater and is isolated from any other community water systems.

Greenville Rancheria

The Greenville Rancheria is currently located in the Indian Valley in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, about three miles east of the town of Greenville. The tribal government offices have historically been located in Redding, Red Bluff and Greenville, and are currently in Greenville. The Northern Maidu, the native inhabitants of Plumas, Tehama and surrounding counties, occupied the Feather River region. The Tribal Environmental Protection Agency maintains a diverse and comprehensive data base for the Tribe. The Tribe's goals are to protect all natural resources, past, present, and future; allow the environment to rebuild itself without man-made hazards; and attempt to control human effects on the environment.

Grizzly Lake Resort Improvement District

The Grizzly Lake Resort Improvement District provides water and wastewater service to the communities of Delleker and Crocker Mountain in Eastern Plumas County. The Delleker water source is groundwater, and the Crocker Mountain source is groundwater

or State Water Project water from Lake Davis via the Lake Davis Water Treatment Plant. Crocker Mountain is in the vicinity of the Grizzly Ranch Community Services District, and Delleker is in the vicinity of the City of Portola.

Grizzly Ranch Community Services District

Grizzly Ranch CSD provides water and wastewater service to the Grizzly Ranch community, a planned development of about 400 homes and commercial and recreation facilities.

Humbug Valley Stakeholder Group

Humbug Valley is located on Yellow Creek off the North Fork of the Feather River. Humbug Valley has significant cultural and natural resources, and there is a great deal of interest in its restoration and long-term management. A stakeholder group has been working to develop consensus on a restoration plan for a number of years at the request of the Rock Creek-Cresta [Ecological Resources Committee](#). The area also encompasses PG&E lands for which the [Stewardship Council](#) will develop a Land Conservation and Conveyance Plan in the coming years.

Participants

Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee

California Department of Fish & Game

Cal Trout

Feather River CRM

Greenville Rancheria

Lassen National Forest

Lemm Ranch

Maidu Summit

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Plumas County

Point Reyes Bird Observatory

Roundhouse Council

Stewardship Council

Indian Valley Community Services District

Indian Valley CSD serves as the local government for the communities of Greenville, Taylorsville, Crescent Mills, Canyon Dam and Genesee in the center of Plumas County. Among other services, the CSD operates community water systems for Greenville and Crescent Mills from surface water (Round Valley Reservoir) and groundwater sources. The CSD also provides wastewater services for the communities of Greenville and Taylorsville.

Lake Almanor County Club Mutual Water Company

The Lake Almanor Country Club Mutual Water Company was organized in 1963 to supply water to property owners in the Lake Almanor Country Club, the Pines residential area, and the Peninsula Village commercial area, serving a total of 2,170 parcels. The

Mutual Water Company relies upon four deep wells as its source of water. Lake Almanor Country Club is adjacent to the Walker Ranch Community Services District.

Lassen County

Nearly 200 square miles of Lassen County is located in the Upper Feather River watershed, including the community of Westwood and Mountain Meadows Reservoir.

Last Chance Creek Water District

The Last Chance Creek Water District encompasses about 23,000 acres of land in Sierra Valley and was in existence before Frenchman Reservoir was constructed as part of the State Water Project. As a result of its senior water rights, the Last Chance Creek Water District has a priority to water from Frenchman Reservoir.

Loyalton

The City of Loyalton is located in Sierra County and has a population of 794 people.

Maidu Cultural & Development Group (a.k.a. MCDG)

The Maidu Cultural & Development Group has operated as a California public benefit corporation since 1995. MCDG runs the Maidu Stewardship Project and advocates on behalf of cultural site preservation throughout the Maidu homeland. MCDDG advocates on behalf of responsible natural resource use and management and responsible recreation. MCDG educates and organizes outreach around Maidu culture within the local community, and with federal, state, and county agencies as well as various educational institutions. MCDG has conducted outreach and education with underrepresented communities as part of the Upper Feather IRWM Program.

Maidu Summit Consortium

The Maidu Summit consisting of Maidu Tribes and organizations was formed to provide preservation and protection of the traditional Maidu homeland, including preservation and protection of both prehistoric and historic sites. Maidu Summit efforts include education, consultation, coordination, and cooperation with all interests in the region: Native tribes and organizations, industries, natural resource agencies, conservation groups, and residents.

Member Organizations

Big Meadows Cultural Preservation Group
Greenville Rancheria
Maidu Cultural and Development Group
Maiduk Weye
Plumas County Indians Incorporated
Roundhouse Council Indian Education Center Incorporated
Stiver's Indian Cemetery Association
Susanville Indian Rancheria
Tasmam Koyom Cultural Foundation
TsiAkim Maidu

United Maidu Nation
Native American Land Conservancy

Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

The mission of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association is to unite agencies, groups, and individuals whose interests include protecting and enhancing Mountain County water resources. The goal of MCWRA is to strengthen and assist its members with their jurisdictional responsibilities; study and promote the newest methods of reclamation and waste water treatments and hydroelectric generation; and be active in sharing information, issue awareness, education and potential legislative action or legal support. Members from the Upper Feather River region include Plumas County and Sierra County.

Mountain Meadows Conservancy

Mountain Meadows Reservoir is located at the headwaters of the North Fork of the Feather River in Lassen County. The mission of the Mountain Meadows Conservancy is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and environmental health of the Mountain Meadows watershed; protect its significant Mountain Maidu burial and cultural sites; and provide recreation and public access for generations to come.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (a.k.a. NRCS)

Since 1935, NRCS (originally called the Soil Conservation Service) has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water, and other natural resources. NRCS employees provide technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. NRCS provides financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation in NRCS programs is voluntary.

Pacific Forest & Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (a.k.a. Stewardship Council)

The Stewardship Council was established in 2004 following the settlement of PG&E's bankruptcy and is responsible for the disposition and conservation of PG&E's watershed lands for the benefit of the public. From 2008 to 2013, the Stewardship Council will develop Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans for the following planning units in the Feather River watershed:

[Bucks Lake](#)
[Butt Valley Reservoir](#)
[Butte Creek](#)
[Deer Creek](#)
[Humbug Valley](#)
[Lake Almanor](#)
[Mountain Meadows Reservoir](#)
[North Fork Feather River](#)
[Oroville](#)
[Philbrook Reservoir](#)

Plumas Corporation

Plumas Corporation is Plumas County's non-profit economic development entity, chartered in 1983. In addition to general business development and operation of the Plumas County Visitors Bureau, Plumas Corporation provides staff and financing for the Feather River Coordinated Resource Management group.

Plumas County

Over 2,500 square miles of Plumas County is located in the Upper Feather River watershed, comprising 99% of Plumas County and about 70% of the watershed.

Plumas County Community Development Commission

The Plumas County Community Development Commission provides assistance to special districts in planning and financing infrastructure for water and wastewater services.

Plumas County Fire Safe Council

The mission of the Plumas County Fire Safe Council is to reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

The Plumas County Flood Control District was created by the Legislature in 1959 and is governed by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors. The Flood Control District is a State Water Project contractor and receives water from Lake Davis for distribution to the City of Portola, the Grizzly Lake Resort Improvement District, and Grizzly Ranch Community Services District. The Flood Control District also supports water and watershed programs and projects across the Upper Feather River region.

Plumas County Special Districts Association

The Plumas County Special Districts Association is organized to promote collaboration among Plumas County's special districts and advocate on their behalf.

Municipal Services Members (water, wastewater, & fire)

Chester Public Utility District

East Quincy Services District

Gold Mountain Community Services District

Greenhorn Creek Community Services District

Grizzly Ranch Community Services District

Indian Valley Community Services District

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Plumas Eureka Community Services District

Quincy Community Services District

Plumas Eureka Community Services District

Plumas Eureka CSD provides water, wastewater, and emergency services to the communities of Plumas Eureka Estates and Eureka Springs. The CSD's water comes from two wells. Plumas Eureka CSD is located between Graeagle and Johnsville.

Plumas Eureka Groundwater Group

The Plumas Eureka Groundwater Group is organized to develop a groundwater management plan for parts of the Mohawk Valley in south-central Plumas County.

Members

California Department of Parks & Recreation
California Department of Public Health
Graeagle Land & Water Company
Plumas County
Plumas Eureka Community Services District
Plumas Geo-Hydrology
Plumas National Forest – Beckwourth Ranger District

Plumas Geo-Hydrology

Plumas Geo-Hydrology provides hydrogeologic services to a number of agencies and programs in the Feather River region, including the Plumas Watershed Forum, the Upper Feather IRWM Program, the Plumas Eureka Groundwater Group, and many others. Project experience includes ground water exploration; hydrologic monitoring networks; base flow analysis; hydrologic flow system analysis; groundwater recharge and hydrologic basin yields; development impacts on groundwater resources; groundwater contamination; geothermal exploration; and environmental tracers.

Plumas National Forest

The Plumas National Forest covers more than one million acres, nearly all of which is included within the Upper Feather River watershed. Dating back to the original Organic Administration Act of 1897 and now codified at 16 U.S.C. 475, the purpose of establishing National Forests is to preserve and protect the forest, secure favorable conditions of water flows, and furnish a continuous supply of timber.

Plumas Watershed Forum

The Plumas Watershed Forum was created under the [Monterey Settlement Agreement](#) to implement projects in the Upper Feather River region for the benefit of local residents and the State Water Project.

Voting Members

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
California Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Contractors

Technical Advisory Committee

California Department of Fish & Game
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Feather River Resource Conservation District
Feather River CRM
Maidu Cultural & Development Group
Mountain Meadows Conservancy
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Plumas County
Plumas National Forest
Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District
Sierra County
U.C. Cooperative Extension

Portola

The City of Portola is a general law city located in eastern Plumas County and has a population of approximately 2,240 people. The City provides a variety of services to its residents, including water and wastewater, planning and building inspection, recreation, fire protection, code enforcement and animal control. Water supplies include groundwater from various wells and springs and State Water Project water from Lake Davis via the Lake Davis Water Treatment Plant. The City discharges treated water (seasonally) to the Middle Fork of the Feather River. Community water and wastewater systems in the same vicinity include Delleker, which is served by the Grizzly Lake Resort Improvement District and Grizzly Ranch, a private development consisting of approximately 380 home sites, recreation facilities and an 18 hole golf course.

Project 2105 Committee

The 2105 Committee was created by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors with citizens from the Lake Almanor area who are working to ensure that the new FERC license for PG&E's Upper North Fork Feather River hydroelectric project contains provisions that recognize the importance of the project, and in particular the lake, to the Lake Almanor area.

Quincy Community Services District

The Quincy Community Services District provides water and wastewater services to the town of Quincy in central Plumas County for a population of about 2,000 people. Water and wastewater systems are interconnected with the East Quincy Services District, and both agencies comprise the American Valley Community Services Authority.

Quincy Library Group (a.k.a. QLG)

The Quincy Library Group was formed as a result of the “timber wars” of the late 1980s and early 1990s with a goal of reconciling forest health, habitat protection, fire hazard reduction, and economic activity. The QLG Community Stability Proposal became the basis for the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act of 1998, which

established an ongoing [pilot project](#) for forest and watershed management. Among other things, the project is mandated by Congress to address the timing of water releases, water quality changes, and water-yield changes on pilot areas.

Rock Creek-Cresta Ecological Resources Committee (a.k.a. ERC)

The Rock Creek-Cresta ERC was established by Condition 22 of the license for PG&E's Project 1962 on the North Fork of the Feather River. The current FERC license was issued in 2001 with a term of 33 years. The role of the ERC is to assist PG&E in the design of monitoring plans, review and evaluation of data, and preparation of adaptive management measures.

Members

American Whitewater
California Department of Fish & Game
California Outdoors
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Cal Trout
Chico Paddleheads
Friends of the River
National Park Service
Natural Heritage Institute
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Plumas County
Shasta Paddlers
State Water Resources Control Board
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Forest Service (non-member liaison)

Roundhouse Council

Roundhouse Council is an Indian Education Center with non-profit status (501(c)(3)). Roundhouse Council provides educational programs to native and non-native community members. They partner and collaborate with many organizations including the Maidu Stewardship Project and Maidu Summit Collaborative. Educational programs use traditional ecology concepts and include Maidu language and native philosophy at all levels when possible. Hands-on activities include: Seasonal field trips to learn and teach about culturally important plant species; weekly youth classes, summer youth camps, as well as specific grant funded programs like tobacco education.

Sierra County

About one-quarter of Sierra County (250 square miles) encompasses part of the Feather River watershed, including the southern half of Sierra Valley, the City of Loyalton, and the communities of Sierraville and Sattley. The Little Truckee River watershed in the south and eastern parts of Sierra County is also a source of water for Sierra Valley under the Truckee River Operating Agreement, providing water for irrigation and contributing to the Middle Fork of the Feather River.

Sierra County Fire Safe and Watershed Council

The Sierra County Fire Safe and Watershed Council is a non-profit corporation made up of concerned citizens who recognize the need to raise public awareness of wildfire related issues.

Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment works with rural communities to advance rural community well being and sustainable ecosystems.

Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District

The Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District was established by the Legislature in 1980 for the preservation of groundwater in Sierra Valley to protect agriculture and other resources. The district's board of directors is appointed by the boards of supervisors in Sierra County and Plumas County.

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

The Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District serves residents and the natural resources within the district encompassing Plumas, Sierra and Lassen Counties, to conserve and protect natural resources.

Sierra Valley Water Company

The Sierra Valley Water Company delivers water from the Little Truckee River to irrigation and domestic customers in Sierra and Plumas Counties. The water rights are based on the Orr Ditch Decree, and current operation will fall under the Truckee River Operating Agreement that was completed in 2008.

Sierra Water Workgroup

The Sierra Water Workgroup is an evolving collaboration between regional organizations with an interest in water resources and participants in regional water management groups, including water agencies, watershed groups, non-profits, local governments, and other stakeholders. The workgroup was formed to protect, enhance, and restore Sierra water supply, water quality, public safety, and ecosystem health. The workgroup seeks to address water issues of concern to the Sierra by:

- Coordinating amongst local and regional water plans
- Exchanging information and tools for water and watershed management amongst stakeholders in the region
- Serving as an information source regarding state and federal water policy issues for local governments, non-profits, and other stakeholders
- Raising the profile of the Sierra to increase private, state, and federal funding opportunities
- Advocating for Sierra water issues in state and federal legislative and administrative forums

Regular Participants

El Dorado County Water Agency
El Dorado Irrigation District
Nevada Irrigation District
Placer County Water Agency
Plumas County
Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Sierra Business Council
Sierra Nevada Alliance
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Tuolumne Utility District

Sierraville Public Utility District

State Water Project (SWP)

The California State Water Project is the world's largest publicly built and operated water and power development and conveyance system. The SWP is operated by the California Department of Water Resources. The SWP provides water for over 23 million people and 755,000 acres of irrigated farmland and generates an average 6.5 million MWh of hydroelectric power annually. However, as the largest single consumer of power in the state, its net usage is 5.1 million MWh. SWP facilities in the Feather River region include Lake Oroville (the primary storage facility for the SWP), Lake Davis, Antelope Lake, Frenchman Lake, and the Grizzly Valley Pipeline between Lake Davis and the City of Portola.

State Water Resources Control Board

Created by the Legislature in 1967, the five-member State Board protects water quality by setting statewide policy and coordinating and supporting the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The State Board is also responsible for allocating surface water rights. Particular areas of activity in the Feather River region include providing grants for various water quality improvement projects and issuing water quality certifications for FERC-licensed hydroelectric projects.

Trout Unlimited – Feather River Chapter

The mission of Trout Unlimited is to protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. The Feather River Chapter engages in education, conservation, remediation, and partnership efforts that benefit the cold water fisheries in the Feather River watershed.

U.C. Davis – California Hydrologic Research Laboratory

The Hydrologic Research Laboratory, within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California-Davis, focuses on modeling hydrologic and environmental processes at hillslope scale, watershed scale, regional scale, and global scale.

University of California Cooperative Extension – Plumas & Sierra Counties

U.C. Cooperative Extension brings the University's research-based information to bear on solving local problems. Programs in Plumas and Sierra Counties address [water quality and irrigated lands](#); Firewise communities; forestry education; land use planning; livestock and range management; and small-acreage land stewardship.

Upper Feather River Watershed Group

The Upper Feather River Watershed Group is a nonprofit group of agriculture interests and operators in the Upper Feather River watershed region including Sierra Valley, American Valley, Indian Valley, Mohawk Valley, and other areas of Plumas and Sierra Counties. The Upper Feather River Watershed Group offers individual irrigators and operators the opportunity to work together as a coalition to address water quality issues pertaining to agricultural discharges. The group works closely with the Plumas-Sierra County U.C. Cooperative Extension to monitor area creeks and streams to determine the effects, if any, of local agriculture and rural communities on waters flowing into the Feather River tributaries.

Walker Ranch Community Services District

Walker Ranch CSD provides water and wastewater services to a number of planned developments on the Lake Almanor peninsula. The district includes X hundred planned dwelling units, with approval pending for another 1,700 dwelling units and associated commercial development. Walker Ranch CSD is adjacent to the area served by the Lake Almanor Country Club Mutual Water Company.

Westwood Community Services District

The Westwood CSD provides water and wastewater services for the community of Westwood in Lassen County, serving a population of about 2,000 people.

Whitehawk Ranch Mutual Water Company

Whitehawk Ranch Mutual Water Company provides water and wastewater services for a planned development at the eastern edge of Mohawk Valley in southern Plumas County. The water supply comes from spring water.