



## **Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (IRWMA) Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) 2015-2016 End of the Year Report**

Twenty-five entities, representing disadvantaged community members, environmental organizations, water, sanitary, and community services districts, Tribes, city and county government, business organizations and the USFS were members of the WAC during this fiscal year with all members and all but four, participating in meetings throughout the year. During the fiscal year, the WAC held ten meetings to work on IRWMA-related efforts for the region. Multiple meetings were held offline to manage the current grants. Six IRWMA Board of Directors meetings were held. The WAC has provided numerous recommendations to the board, developed through consensus. The board has ultimately approved all the WAC recommendations with only minor refinements. Integrating efforts through the IRWMA has continued to help guide investment of public resources and has, and continues to serve, as a venue for resolving difficult matters of resource management policy within the region.

Some specific accomplishments include:

- Successful completion of contract agreements with DWR for \$11.5M in grant funding
- Acceptance of six project amendments to DWR grant awards
- Submission and approval of initial grant progress reports and invoices
- Development and approval of the WAC 2016-2017 Work Plan
- Development and approval of a local budget to support IRWMA work to include a reserve account
- Increased learning opportunities through speakers such as small hydro-power and stormwater
- Creation and initial development of data management system
- Developed draft updated ranked IRWMP objectives
- Hosted a “calls for projects”
- Approved drafting a stormwater chapter for the IRWMP