

# Yuba IRWM/RWVG Meeting, Nov 18, 2020

*(Thank you for joining us! Please ensure your phone is muted until directed for Q&A)*

## Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Update on Yuba Water Grant Program
4. Yuba IRWM Project Development Circuit Ride Calls
5. RWVG Adoptions of 2018 IRWM Plan
6. Regional Project Highlights
7. New Initiatives
8. Contacts and Next Meeting

# Yuba Water Agency Community Impact Grant and Loan Program

- Yuba Water Agency has combined their general grants and Bill Shaw grants into a new program called the **Community Impact Grant and Loan Program** with a goal of awarding up to \$10 million in grants and/or loans per fiscal year supporting Yuba County Stakeholder projects
- FY 2020 is fully committed; the next window for grant applications is March-April 2021
- Guidelines and requirements for this program are being refined into procedural documents and webpages that will be shared with this group
- Jim Mitrisin will serve as the Administrative Coordinator for the Grant Program and JoAnna Lessard will be the Technical Coordinator
- All grant requests must be consistent with the Agency's key program areas and meet other eligibility and application criteria
- Awards will be supported by a four step process: 1) Eligibility/completeness check; 2) Grant Review Committee of Coordinators and Program Leads; 3) Projects, Operations and Development committee (POD); 4) Yuba Water Board will use the recommendations from the POD and Program Leads for final award determinations



# Community Impact Grant and Loan Program Areas

Projects Funded under this new program **must** have goals and objectives that align with one of these key Yuba Water Agency program areas:

- Flood Risk Reduction
- Water Supply and Water Management
- Watershed Resilience (Fire risk reduction)
- Water Education and Conservation
- Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training

# Community Impact Grant and Loan Program Policy

- Policy approved by the Yuba Water Agency Board at the October 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 BOD meeting
  - Yuba Water’s grant program and subject area web pages are being refined as per this policy, please go to <https://www.yubawater.org/339/Community-Impact-Initiatives> for more information and regular updates
  - Contact JoAnna Lessard at [jlessard@yubawater.org](mailto:jlessard@yubawater.org) if you would like a copy of the Grant Program policy document
  - Supports linking eligible Projects to programmatic-level goals and objectives
- Grantee Eligibility:
  - Must be a local gov’t agency, tribe or non-profit
- Project Eligibility
  - Consistent with Agency’s mission and at least one key program area
  - Financially feasible and economically justified
  - Comply with laws and regulations
  - Project accepted into the Yuba IRWMP



# Grant Program Policy cont'd

- Preference for grants that:
  - Directly and strongly support projects that further the Agency's mission and Program Area Goals
  - Leverage local funds to acquire external funding
  - Promote long-term collaborative relationships
  - Support important stakeholder projects with no other sources of funding
  - Demonstrated financial need
- Application Process (varies slightly by Grant Type):
  - Submit Project to the Yuba IRWM Plan
  - For grants that leverage external funding, submit funding request at least 6 weeks prior to the Grant Program Deadline
  - ALL other Grant Applications: Open Application Windows will be March and September
  - Applications submitted via Yuba Water Agency website
  - Application must document the Grant Type being sought (*see table on next slide*)



# Community Impact Grant and Loan Program Summary

Grant Type	Application Period	Funding Maximum	Must be in the Yuba IRWMP	Notes
Technical Assistance	March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1	\$10,000	Not for grant; but as a deliverable	Expert Technical Support to develop a project, for submittal to the IRWMP
Planning	March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1	Based on Budget	Yes	Design, engineering, and/or permitting of an IRWMP Project
Application	6 weeks prior to funding deadline	\$20,000	Yes	Consulting support for Application process and submittal (Capacity Building Grant)
Cost Share	6 weeks prior to funding deadline	Based on Budget/Need	Yes	Local cost share to support eligibility/competitiveness for IRWMP Project Application
Administration and Management	6 weeks prior to funding deadline	\$25,000/yr of Grant Term	Yes	Consulting team to support the Grant Admin and Management (Capacity Building Grant)
Implementation	March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1	Based on Budget/Need	Yes	For Project with no external grant sources
Bill Shaw	March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1	\$10,000/grant	No	Emergency rescue equipment and training for Yuba County First Responders (10 grants available per year)
Small Community	March 1-April 1; Sept 1-Oct 1	\$50,000	No	Small, one-off Grants for projects also aligned with the Agency's Mission and Programs (may not warrant the IRWMP integration)



## Yuba IRWM Project Circuit Ride

- Katie Burdick and Keri Rinne are setting up project development calls or video meetings
- We don't want to lose momentum on project development as new grant programs are being rolled out all the time
- Please provide any new or updated project detail for the IRWM Plan (via short form process)
- Please provide as much detail on project tasks, especially planning vs. implementation detail, schedule and budgets
- Funding evaluation memos will be sent back to you to help develop a funding strategy

# Yuba IRWM Plan Updates

## 1. RWVG Member Organizations Adopt the 2018 Yuba IRWM Plan

- a) IRWMP was updated in 2018 to be consistent with DWR requirements and to be eligible for IRWM Implementation funding
- b) To keep up to date, requiring resolutions to adopt this plan update from ALL RWVG members
  - Requirement for new DWR grant funding
  - Requirement to add projects to the IRWM Plan after 1/1/2021
  - Please submit resolutions to Elizabeth ASAP (prior to January 1, 2021 if possible)
  - In the Resolution or upon submittal please also re-affirm the RWVG voting member and IRWM representative for your Organization

## 2. IRWM Plan Consistency Updates

- a) Updated goals and objectives to be consistent with Yuba Water Agency's Strategic Plan
- b) Not a full plan update, but conducted consistency check of other sections
- c) The collated 2018 update and the individual chapters updated this year for consistency are available at <https://yubairwmp.org/>



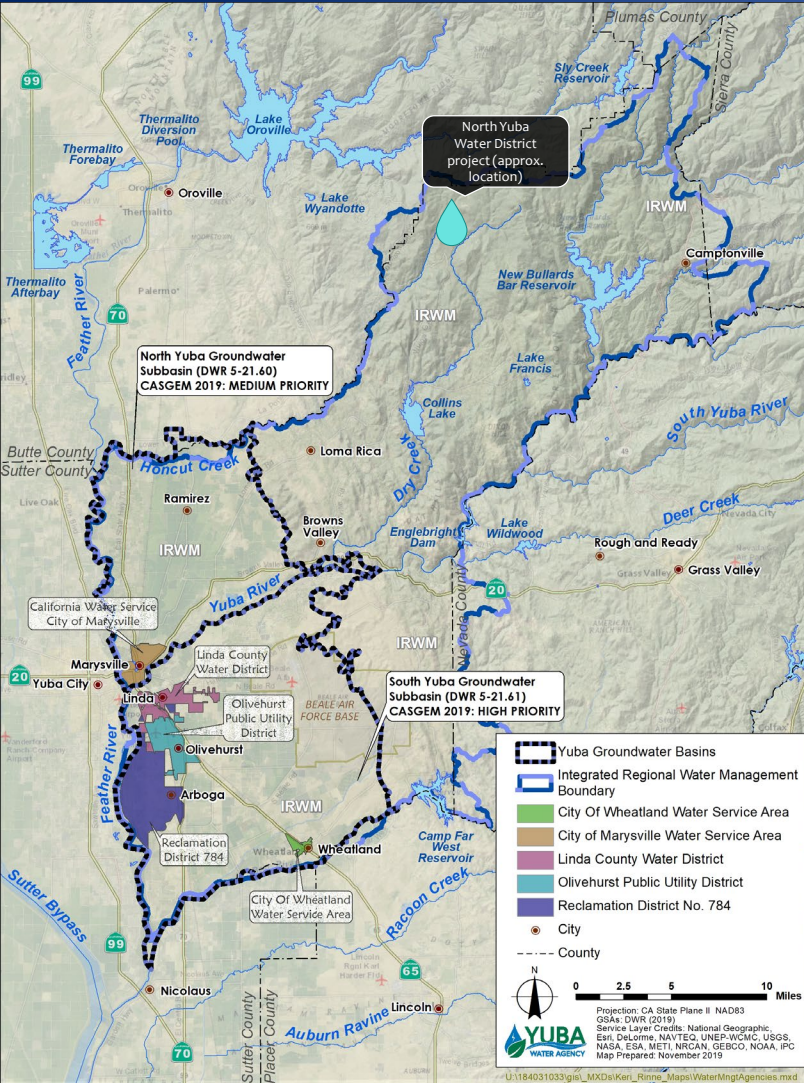


# DWR Prop 1, Round 1 IRWMP Implementation Grant

> \$5 million in Yuba Projects Funded

# Summary of Yuba IRWM-funded Projects:

- Located in the upper watershed and the lower watershed
- Benefit multiple disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities throughout the Yuba IRWMP region
- Increase water supply reliability, improve water storage and supply distribution systems, improve flood management, and increase efficacy and efficiency of wastewater treatment



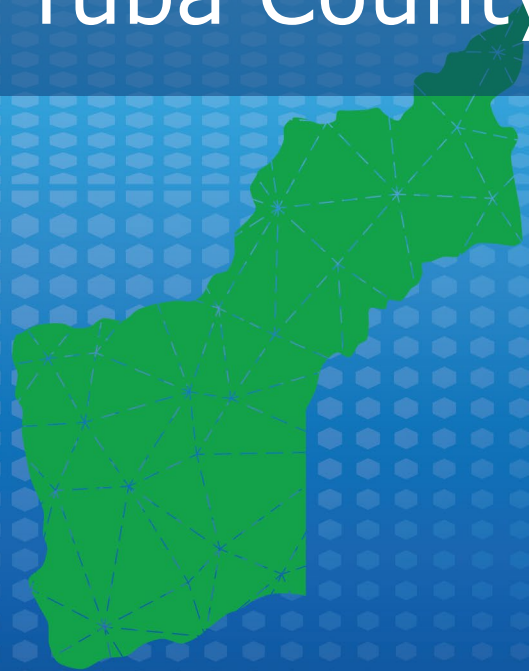
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Project	Sponsor	Grant Amount	Cost-Share (source)
Grant Administration & Management	Yuba Water Agency		\$143,289 (YWA)
Fire & Drinking Water Storage	North Yuba Water District	\$692,116	
Improving Flood Protection	RD 784	\$360,593	\$114,098 (RD 784)
Wastewater System Improvement & Energy Efficiency	Linda County Water District	\$1,400,000	\$1,482,986 (LCWD)
Comprehensive Drinking Water Project	City of Wheatland	\$682,347	\$682,347 (YWA)
Water Distribution System Improvement	Olivehurst PUD	\$1,510,432	\$1,433,652.38 (YWA & OPUD)
Water Meter Installation	Olivehurst PUD	\$333,700	



# Proposal

## Yuba County Three Rivers Parkway



Presented by:

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# Three Rivers Parkway Vision

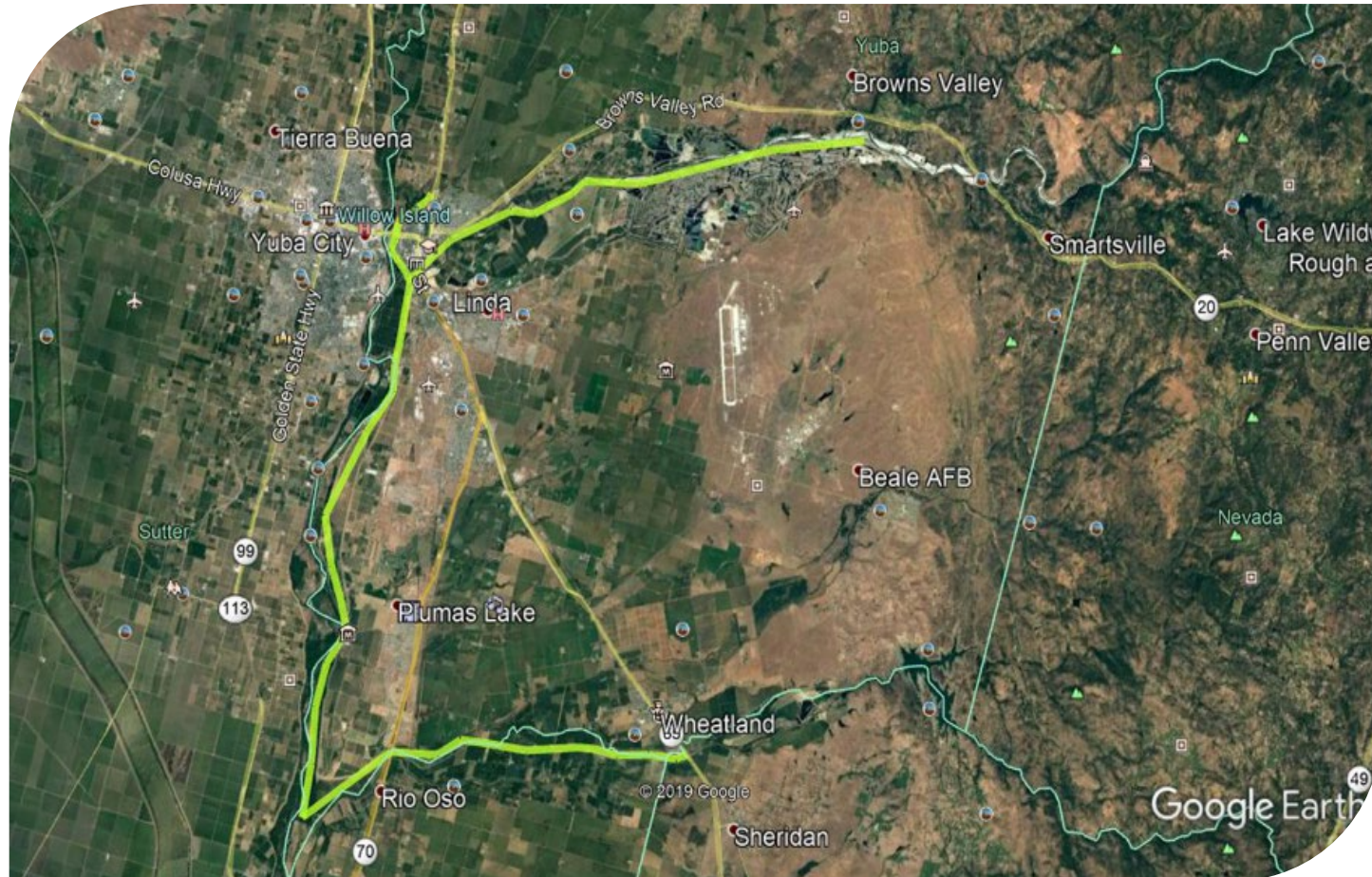
*The Three Rivers Parkway aims to become an economic and environmentally sustainable public resource, creating and enhancing connected riparian trails and associated habitats throughout Yuba County on the lower reaches of the Bear, Feather and Yuba rivers for public use, public safety and wildlife.*

# Three Rivers Parkway Working Group

- Yuba Water Agency
- Yuba County
- Marysville
- Wheatland
- River Partners
- South Yuba River Citizens Council
- Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA)
- Reclamation District 784
- Yuba Sutter Lodging Association
- Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce

# Parkway Footprint

- Over 5,000 acres of publicly owned land adjacent to rivers and in proximity to future population centers.
- The Parkway could include 40 miles of walking and bike trails and river access for small boat craft and kayaks.



# Three Rivers Parkway

- Enhanced river access for public use will create new business and recreational opportunities in our community, while healthier riparian habitat will enhance our local fisheries.



- Access to hiking and water trails provided by the Parkway will improve the quality of life for Yuba County residents, create educational opportunities and attract out of town visitors, thereby strengthening our economy.



# Three Rivers Parkway



Working in concert with wildlife agencies, levee districts and TRLIA, the Parkway will enhance and expand habitat areas along the rivers. The Parkway's open space and riparian habitat will be designed to support flood control efforts by enhancing floodwater attenuation and groundwater.

With California's unpredictable climate and an ever-increasing demand for water, the Parkway can help manage our groundwater resources by providing recharge fields, which improve water security for our farmers.



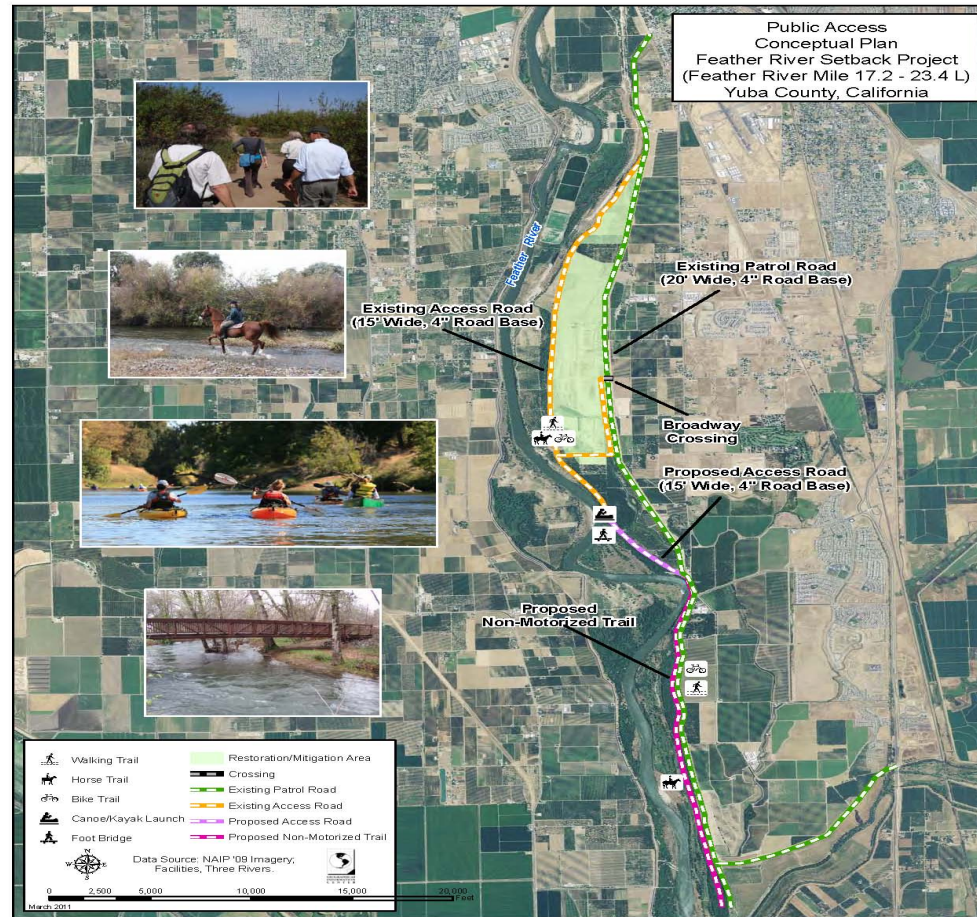
# Economic Benefits

- Increased weekend lodging stays
- Increased concessions for biking, kayaking, rafting, fishing, wildlife viewing and visits to historical sites.
- Increased business for eating places, brew pubs, recreational clothing and equipment and gift shops
- Improved quality of life amenities to help attract entrepreneurs and their businesses to Yuba County
- Trails improve property values for adjacent lands

# Currently Planned Parks and Bikeways

- The 2008, Yuba County Parks Master Plan,
- The 2009, TRLIA Public Access Study,
- The 2009, TRLIA Land Management Plan for the Feather River Levee Setback Project
- The 2012, Yuba County Bikeway Master Plan,
- The 2018 SACOG Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan (currently being updated).

# TRLIA Feather River Setback Plan



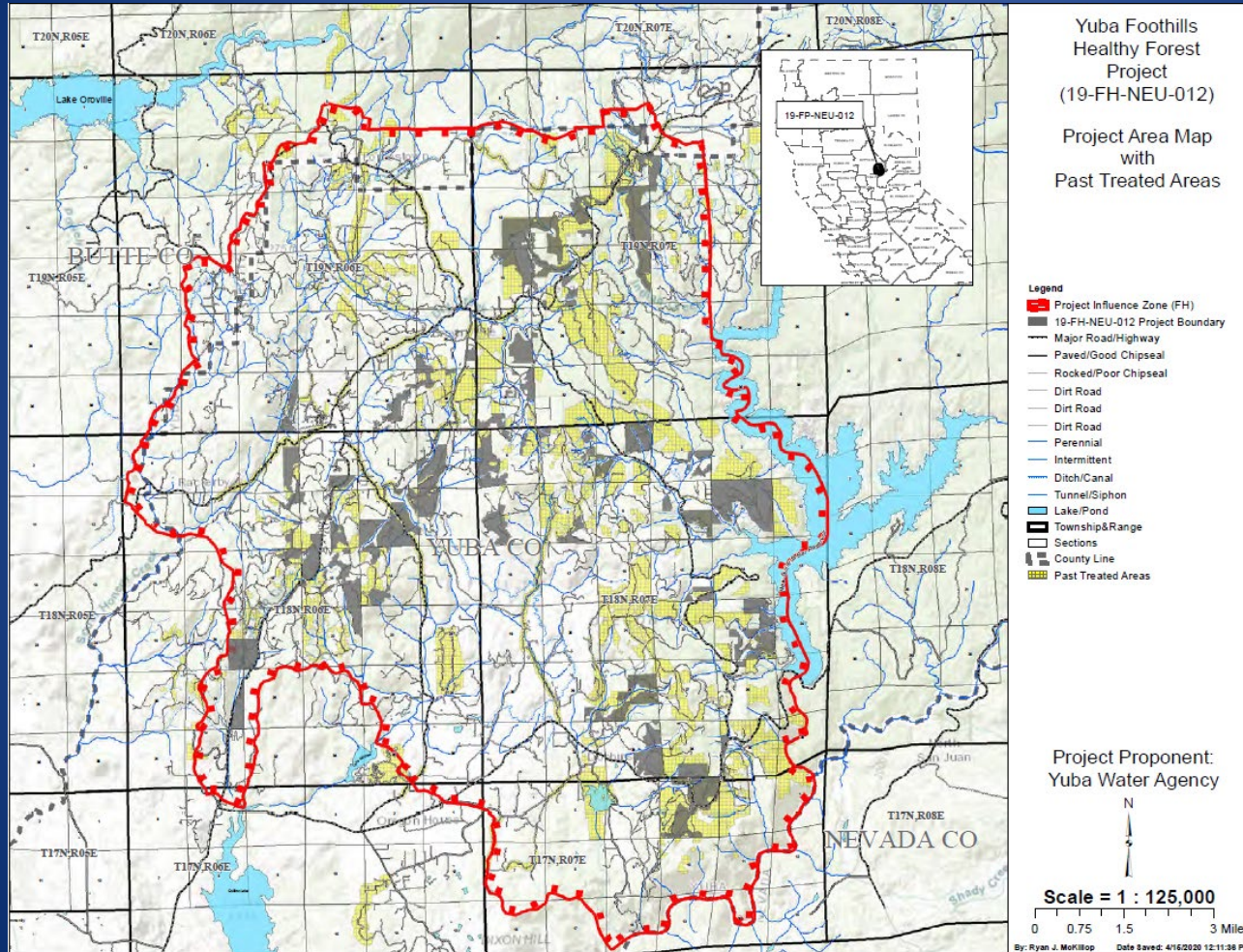
# Next Steps

- Working Group organizations and agencies adopt resolutions of support
- County and partners develop plan for maintenance and operation
- Apply for grants and other funding sources, including funds to conduct planning and engineering

# Yuba Foothills Healthy Forest Project Grant Summary



# Yuba Foothills Healthy Forest Project Summary: Collaborative effort between Yuba Water, Cal Fire, Plumas NF, Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council, and private land owners (The CHY Company, Siller Bros., Inc., Soper-Wheeler Company, Ingersoll, Doner Tree Farm, and Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America) to reduce fire fuel across over 5,413 acres in Yuba County



- This Project Area is high risk for catastrophic wildfires.
- The Project Influence Zone includes 71,244 acres and an estimated 2,721 structures

# Yuba Foothills Healthy Forest Project Status:

- Project Manager is Steve Andrews (Yuba Fire Safe Council and RPF), with coordination support from JoAnna Lessard (Yuba Water) and Ascent Environmental (for CEQA)
- Commercially associated thinning treatments covered by Timber Harvest Plans for CEQA are underway or completed
- Non-commercial project treatments were evaluated for CEQA compliance as covered by the 2019 CAL FIRE Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP), using its Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) checklist.
  - This is the **first Project to use the CalVTP-PSA Checklist** for CEQA coverage
  - the PEIR is available for public review at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp/peir-certification/>.
  - The Notice of Determination that the project is consistent with the CalVTP PEIR was approved by the Yuba Water BOD on October 20, 2020 and filed with the State Clearing House and County
  - Remaining treatments will be carried out over the next two years
- Questions/Comments?





# New Initiatives:

## Yuba County Land Use Design Competition

[Overview](#) [Project Design Parameters](#) [Awards](#) [Jury](#) [Key Dates / Resources](#) [Contact](#)

### Your Design Our Future Community

*"Think of there last time you chose to visit a great urban neighborhood, to eat or walk in the park or on the street. Now, how many times have you decided to go visit someone else's conventional subdivision if you didn't have to be there?" - Andres Duany*

#### Overview

Land use decision makers in Yuba County are seeking innovative and advanced-planning design ideas to use as models for development in a region that is on the precipice of marked and accelerated growth. The Yuba Water Agency is sponsoring this design competition to spark creative, innovative land use design ideas for land owners and developers in Yuba County. We are looking to create human-scaled environmentally sustainable communities with diverse economic opportunities, diversified housing options, non-suburban style design, and "village" feel. We are also seeking guidance on how to bring advanced planning design concepts to reality, to include considerations such as regulatory mechanisms and how to incentivize developers.



- **Next Meeting-4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020** (*unless something arises that we need to meet on*)
- **Contact**
  - Joanna Lessard ([jllessard@yubawater.org](mailto:jllessard@yubawater.org)) or Katie Burdick ([katie@burdico.net](mailto:katie@burdico.net)) with any general questions or concerns
  - New or updated projects details should be sent to Elizabeth Herrera ([elizabeth.herrera@fishsciences.net](mailto:elizabeth.herrera@fishsciences.net))
  - Questions on your funding memo analysis can be directed to Susan Robinson ([srobinsons@frontier.com](mailto:srobinsons@frontier.com))
  - Keri Rinne ([keri.rinne@gmail.com](mailto:keri.rinne@gmail.com)) with any questions about the project development process or to request a Circuit Ride meeting.

**Thank you for attending!**