

# **Calaveras, Stockton water districts focus on Calaveras River plan**

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The Calaveras County Water District and Stockton East Water District are partnering in the development of the first-ever Watershed Resiliency Plan for the Calaveras River watershed.

The Calaveras River watershed was selected by the California Department of Water Resources as one of five watersheds to participate in the Watershed Resilience Program designed to pilot the planning of climate resilience at a watershed scale.

The Watershed Resilience Program will advance the vision and framework described in the California Water Plan 2023 by providing financial and technical support to improve regional resilience. This work will lay the foundation for future efforts and throughout the state of California.

The Calaveras River watershed includes portions of the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Calaveras counties. The Calaveras River Watershed Resiliency Plan will help build regional resilience through multi-benefit projects, integrated resource management and nature-based solutions with a focus on equity.

This will be accomplished through a robust outreach and engagement process to foster collaboration, analyze and assess climate vulnerabilities and risks, develop adaptation and implementation strategies, and track performance against set metrics. The Watershed Resiliency Plan will incorporate feedback from a wide-ranging group of stakeholders known as the Watershed Network, ensuring a plan that is inclusive of interests and perspectives from across the watershed.

The watershed resiliency plan is expected to be finalized in the fall of next year.