



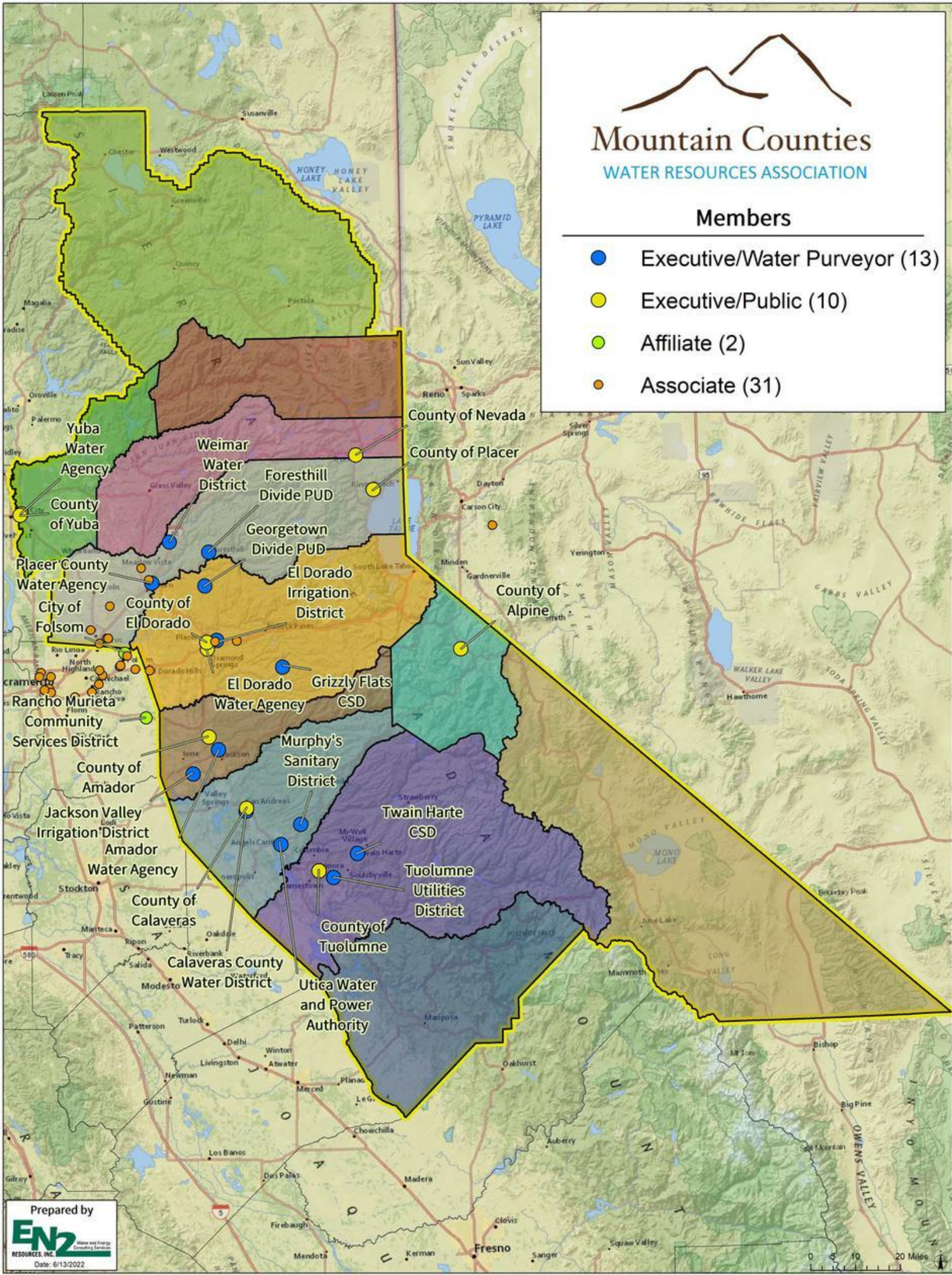
Calaveras County Water

District External Relations Committee

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Promoting the Statewide Importance of Sierra Nevada Water Resources

October 22, 2024

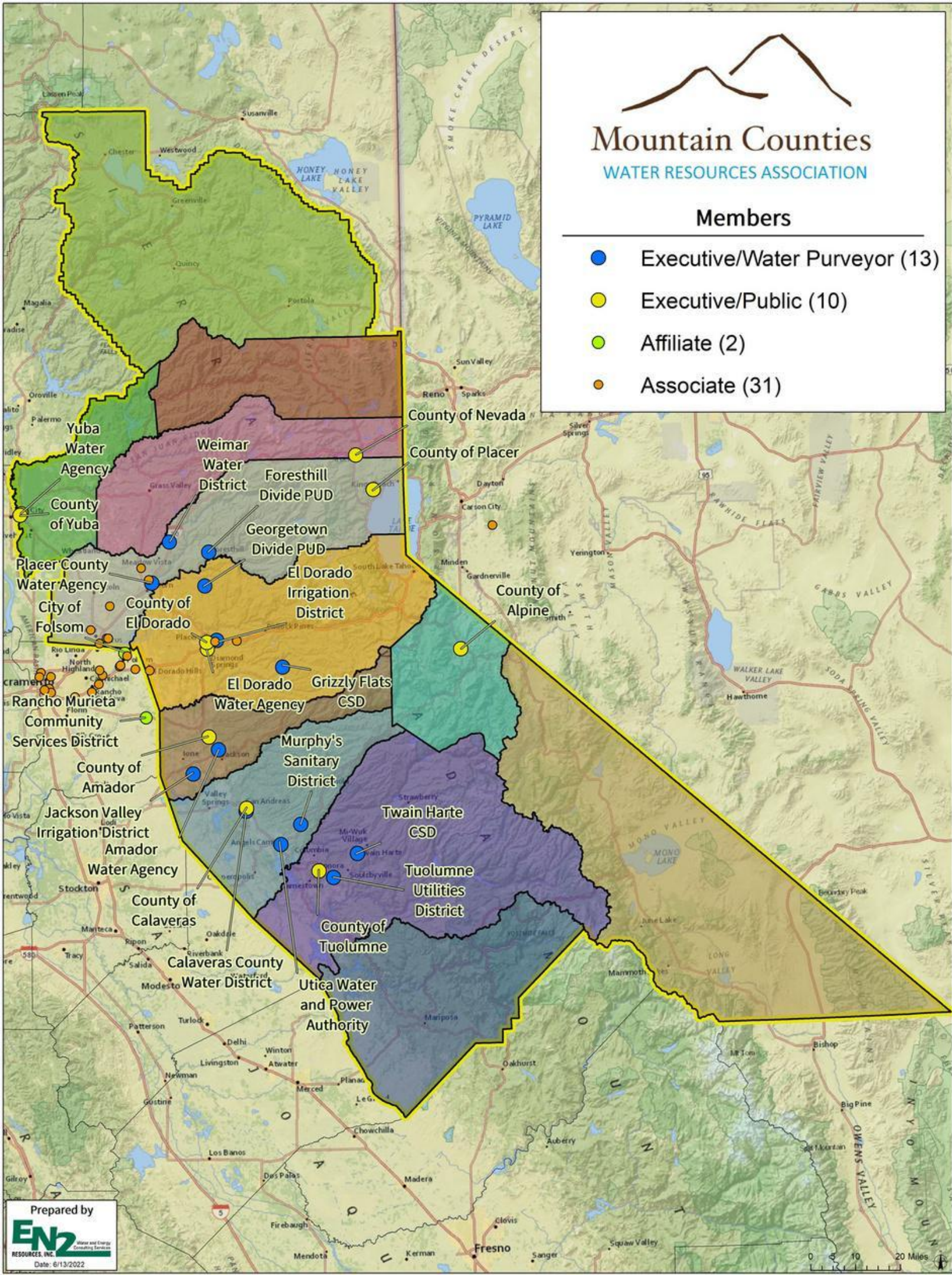


Executive Members

- Amador Water Agency
- **Calaveras County Water District**
- County of Alpine
- County of Amador
- **County of Calaveras**
- County of El Dorado
- County of Nevada
- County of Placer
- County of Tuolumne
- County of Yuba
- El Dorado County Water Agency
- Foresthill Public Utility District
- Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
- Grizzly Flats Community Services District
- Jackson Valley Irrigation District
- **Murphys Sanitary District**
- Placer County Water Agency
- Tuolumne Utilities District
- Twain Harte Community Services District
- Yuba Water Agency
- Union Public Utility District
- Utica Water and Power Authority

Affiliate Members

- City of Folsom
- Rancho Murieta Community Services District
- Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)



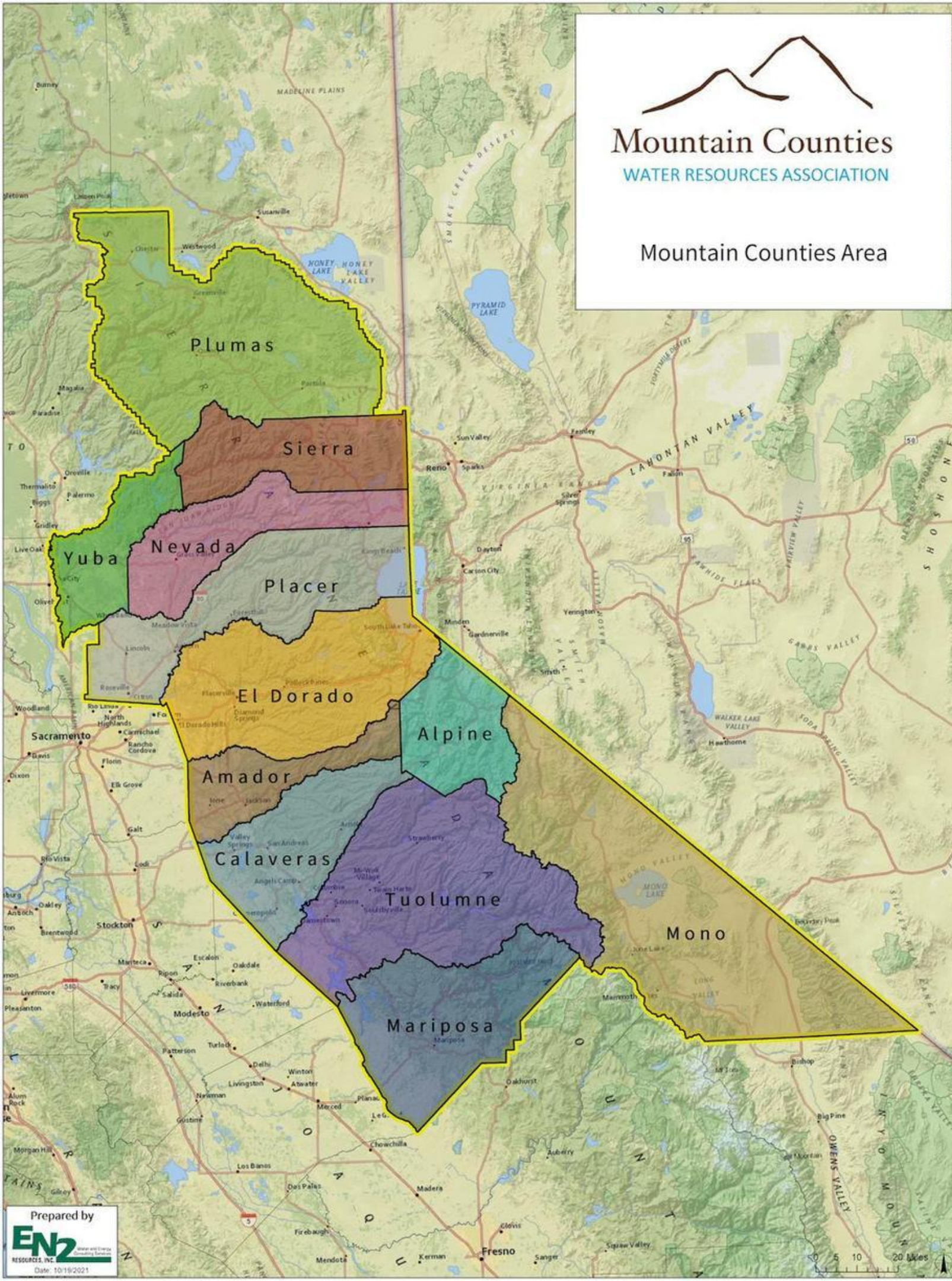
Associate Members

- AECOM
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)
- ACWA JPIA
- Bennett Engineering Services
- Black & Veatch
- Blackburn Consulting
- Brown and Caldwell
- Carollo Engineers
- Coleman Engineering
- Condor Earth Technologies, Inc.
- Domenichelli and Associates, Inc.
- Dudek
- ECORP Consulting, Inc.
- EN2 Resources, Inc.
- Environmental Science Associates (ESA)
- Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, Inc.
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc.
- Hilltop Securities, Inc.
- JJ&A (Jacobson James & Associates)
- McMillen Jacobs Associates
- Mesa Water District
- Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
- Peterson . Brustad . Inc.
- Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group
- Recology
- Sierra West Consultants, Inc.
- Urban Water Institute (UWI)
- WEST Consultants, Inc.
- West Yost Associates
- Western Hydrologics



Mountain Counties
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Mountain Counties Area



Mountain

Counties Region

Alpine

Amador

Calaveras

El Dorado

Mariposa

Mono

Nevada

Placer

Plumas

Sierra

Tuolumne

Yuba

Board of Directors



Scott Ratterman – President

2015-

Director, Calaveras County Water District

Lori Anzini- Treasurer

2022-

Director, El Dorado Irrigation District

Lori Parlin – Director

2022-

Supervisor, County of El Dorado

Board of Directors

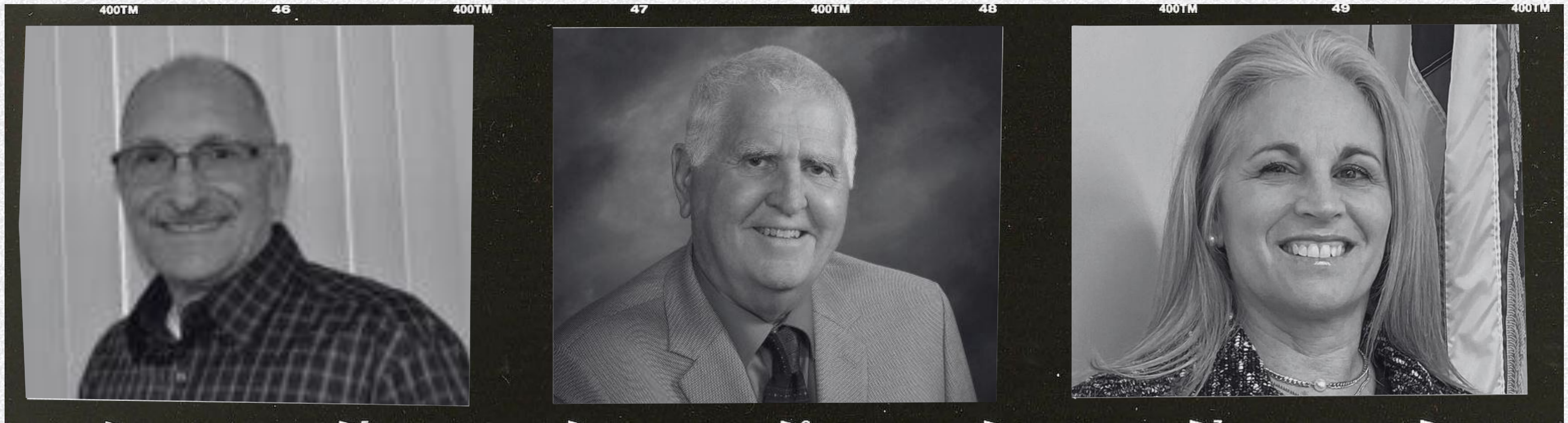


Barbara Balen – Vice President
2017-
Director, Tuolumne Utilities District

Sue Hoek - Director
2023-
Supervisor, County of Nevada

Jim Holmes – Secretary
2015-
Supervisor, County of Placer

Board of Directors



Mike Lee - Director
2017-
Director, Placer County Water Agency

Don Blaser- Director
2023-
Director, Yuba Water Agency

Susan Peters - Director
2023-
Director, Amador Water Agency

Executive Director



JUSTIN CAPORUSSO

- More than two decades of public affairs and issue advocacy experience
- Background in rural California
- Experience in natural resource issues
 - Chair, California Forest Watershed Alliance (CAFWA)
- Collaborative Approach to Advocacy and Issue Management





Mission: Promote the statewide importance of Sierra Nevada water resources through advocacy and collaboration.

Vision: To be the premiere advocate to influence water policy and protection of the Sierra Nevada watershed.



Statewide Benefits of Healthy Headwaters

California's headwaters account for the majority of the state's overall water supply, yet the region cannot solely fund proper forest management. Through education and advocacy, MCWRA will continue to promote policies and funding of programs and projects that protect Sierra Nevada's forested watersheds, and support the following:

- IMPROVED WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY
- ENHANCED HABITATS, ECOSYSTEMS, RECREATION, AND WATERSHEDS
- LOWER RISKS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- REDUCED IMPACTS OF WILDFIRE AND CLIMATE CHANGE
- CREATION OF RESILIENT FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES
- INCREASED CARBON SEQUESTRATION



Strategic Priorities

- California's Watershed
- Water Rights
- Water Supply
- Forest Management
- Statewide Collaboration



Key Priorities

- PROTECTION OF WATER RIGHTS AND PRESERVATION OF REGIONAL WATER SUPPLIES
- INCREASED INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA'S HEADWATERS
- SCIENCE-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS AND ACTIONS
- INCREASED STATEWIDE COLLABORATION REGARDING WATER RESOURCES
- ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE CAPACITY
- EDUCATING TARGET AUDIENCES ON STATEWIDE NEED OF PROTECTING CALIFORNIA'S HEADWATERS

State Recreation Area
Confluence
North & Middle Fork American River

PARK HOURS
7 AM - SUNSET

TOURS & EDUCATION

Advocacy

In an effort to streamline our advocacy efforts, and maintain a high-level of legislative engagement on behalf of our members, the MCWRA Legislative Committee prioritized 2023 legislative proposals into the following three categories:

1. Engage

2. Watch

3. Monitor

Principles and Strategic Priorities fall into a Priority 1 status. These proposals will require various levels of MCWRA legislative engagement. Legislative proposals that indirectly align or are adjacent to our Water Policy Principles and/or Strategic Priorities fall into a Priority 2 status. Priority 3 includes all other water related or forest management related legislative proposals worth monitoring.

2024 Legislative Tour



California's Headwaters

MCWRA STRATEGIC PLAN

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM	TIME FRAME
Support Increased Investment in healthy watersheds	Promote statewide and local policies that protect current investments	Ongoing
	Encourage local agency partners to advocate by creating a unified approach	Ongoing
Promote policies, projects and funding to protect the Sierra Nevada's watershed	Develop an advocacy platform to be used by MCWRA members to share with partner agencies	2024/Annual
Increase awareness of the importance of the Sierra Nevada watershed	Develop an education initiative spearheaded by partner agencies	2024/Annual

Forest Management

MCWRA STRATEGIC PLAN

OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM	TIME FRAME
Encourage science-based plans and actions	Convene appropriate parties for an initial panel discussion for MCWRA members on current science-based approaches used and possible future alternatives	2023/Ongoing
	Develop forest management principles for MCWRA as part of an annual advocacy platform/document	Annual
Collaborate with partner organizations and associations on forest management advocacy	Identify and convene partner organizations and associations for an annual forest management workshop/study session	Annual/Ongoing
	Align MCWRA with existing coalitions focused on forest management advocacy	