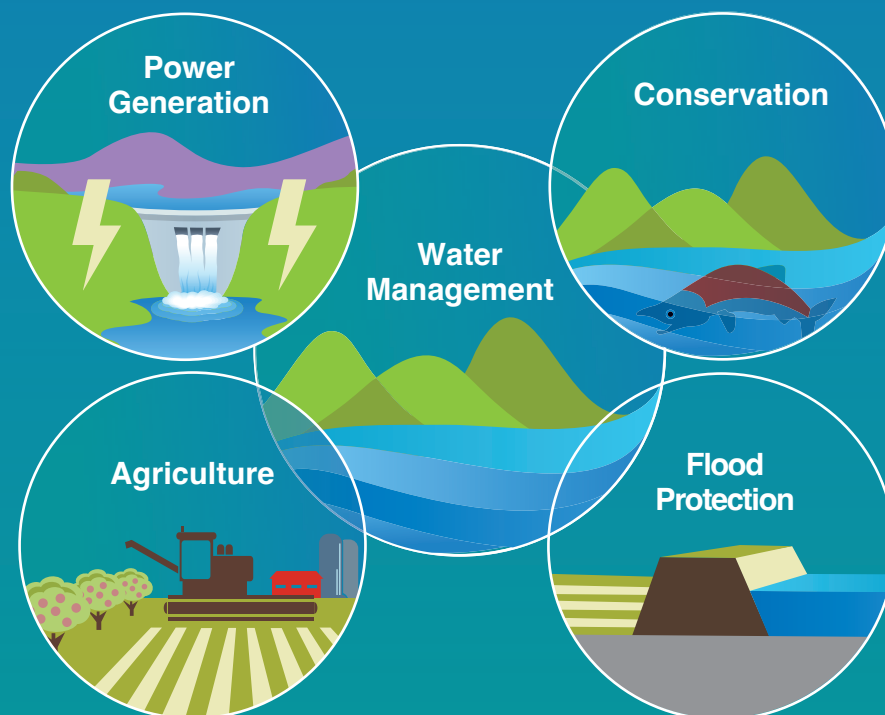


Farming, Conservation and Water Management



Leading Water Managers are using Scientific Solutions to Benefit Farms, Fish and Wildlife



Water resources management has evolved significantly over the past decade, with water managers now pursuing multi-disciplinary approaches to serving water for the landscape and the rivers in the Sacramento Valley. This now includes the farms, refuges and managed wetlands, recreation, fish and wildlife, forest management, hydropower, and groundwater recharge. The managers come from a variety of backgrounds — engineering, biology, law, forestry and firefighting. These disciplines are all essential to modern, 21st century management of our water resources and provide the background necessary to protect our communities during floods and to serve water for all these important purposes during dry years.

To get a better glimpse into the region and see the talented managers and the multi-disciplinary approach they pursue every day, we hope you will read their personal stories or you can listen on podcast at *Stories You Haven't Heard*. These managers have all taken a leadership role, setting the standard for holistic, multi-beneficial approaches to water management from ridgetop to river mouth.





“We knew we had to come up with a sustainable plan to ensure the next generation off armers could work these lands.”

— Kristin Sicke, *Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District*

“We are charged with bringing our ecosystem back into balance. We can and we will find a way to keep farming, provide safe drinking water in our homes and create habitat for our native species.”

— Andy Fecko, *Placer County Water Agency*



“Farmers are great stewards of their land and water, so it is only natural we all work together to create a sustainable future for people, wildlife and the environment.”

— Jeff Sutton, *Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District*

“The opportunity is ripe for all of us to work together for a future where we reimagine a Valley that can serve multiple benefits.”

— Lewis Bair, *Reclamation District 108*



“With our climate changing and our deliveries no longer as consistent as they once were, we face great challenges in ensuring people and wildlife can thrive in the valley.”

— Sean Earley, *Richvale Irrigation District*

“Never before has our industry been tasked to do more than deliver water or provide power. Now we have a responsibility to people and wildlife to ensure both can thrive well into the future.”

— Ted Trimble, *Western Canal Water District*



“We believe we can play an important role in helping salmon in various times of their lifecycle. All it takes is collaboration instead of infighting, and it is through focused coalitions that we can truly make a difference.”

— Roger Cornwell, *Sutter Mutual Water Company*

“We have a duty to make sure we can sustainably grow crops, but we must also find ways to improve and maintain habitat and food sources for migrating birds, our local terrestrials, and the Chinook salmon that navigate the Sacramento River.”

— Thad Bettner, *Sacramento River Settlement Contractors*



“We are constantly evolving, and we’re going to have to adapt if we want to protect our way of life.”

— Willie Whittlesey, *Yuba Water Agency*