



Flood-MAR Network Virtual Workshop

A New Era of California Water Planning

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September 17, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PT

Register Here: <https://stantec.zoom.us/meeting/register/PLuR34zVTwy5XyZ6lEZnYQ>

California's water-planning landscape is evolving, with new opportunities to more fully integrate groundwater recharge and Flood-MAR into statewide planning and implementation. Join the Flood-MAR Network to learn what's ahead, explore opportunities for engagement, and discuss how the Network can help advance recharge across California.

AGENDA

10:00 AM	WELCOME & SETTING THE STAGE Michael Founds Stillwater Science, Network Coordinating Team Member Session Goal: Welcome participants, share highlights from the Network Engagement Survey, and set the stage for a collaborative conversation about the future of Flood-MAR.
10:10 AM	A NEW ERA IN CALIFORNIA WATER PLANNING Joel Metzger Department of Water Resources Session Goal: Explore how the California Water Plan is evolving and where groundwater recharge fits within California's broader water-planning landscape. Bring your questions to Joel for discussion.

10:20 AM	A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN Jose Alacron and Mark Nordberg DWR Session Goal: Learn how Senate Bill 659 is advancing groundwater recharge within the California Water Plan and how the Flood-MAR community can engage in the planning process.
10:45 AM	CONNECTING THE FLOOD-MAR NETWORK TO CALIFORNIA WATER PLANNING INTERACTIVE NETWORK DISCUSSION Session Goal: Explore how the Flood-MAR Network can contribute to, inform, and engage with California's evolving water-planning efforts and identify opportunities for continued Network involvement.
11:25 AM	TAKING OUR PLANS TO IMPLEMENTATION Erica Haight, Romain Maendly, and Julie Rizzardo DWR • Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement (FDRE) Initiative • Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO)-MAR Technical Assistance • Proposition 4 Session Goal: Hear updates on emerging programs, funding, and implementation opportunities that can help translate recharge planning into action on the ground.
11:40 AM	TURNING OPPORTUNITIES INTO ACTION INTERACTIVE NETWORK DISCUSSION Session Goal: Identify opportunities for the Flood-MAR Network to engage with, influence, and leverage emerging programs, partnerships, technical assistance, and funding.
11:50 AM	LOOKING AHEAD Meagan Wylie Flood-MAR Network Coordinator Session Goal: Reflect on key takeaways, highlight available Network resources, and preview upcoming opportunities to stay engaged.