



“A multicounty agency authorized to plan for and acquire supplemental water supplies, encourage water conservation and use of recycled water on a regional basis.”

[BAWSCA Act, AB2058 (Lou Papan-2002)]

**City / County Association of Governments
of San Mateo County’s Resources
Management and Climate Protection
Committee**

**State Water Board’s Draft Scientific Basis
Report**

February 18, 2026

BAWSCA Member Agencies



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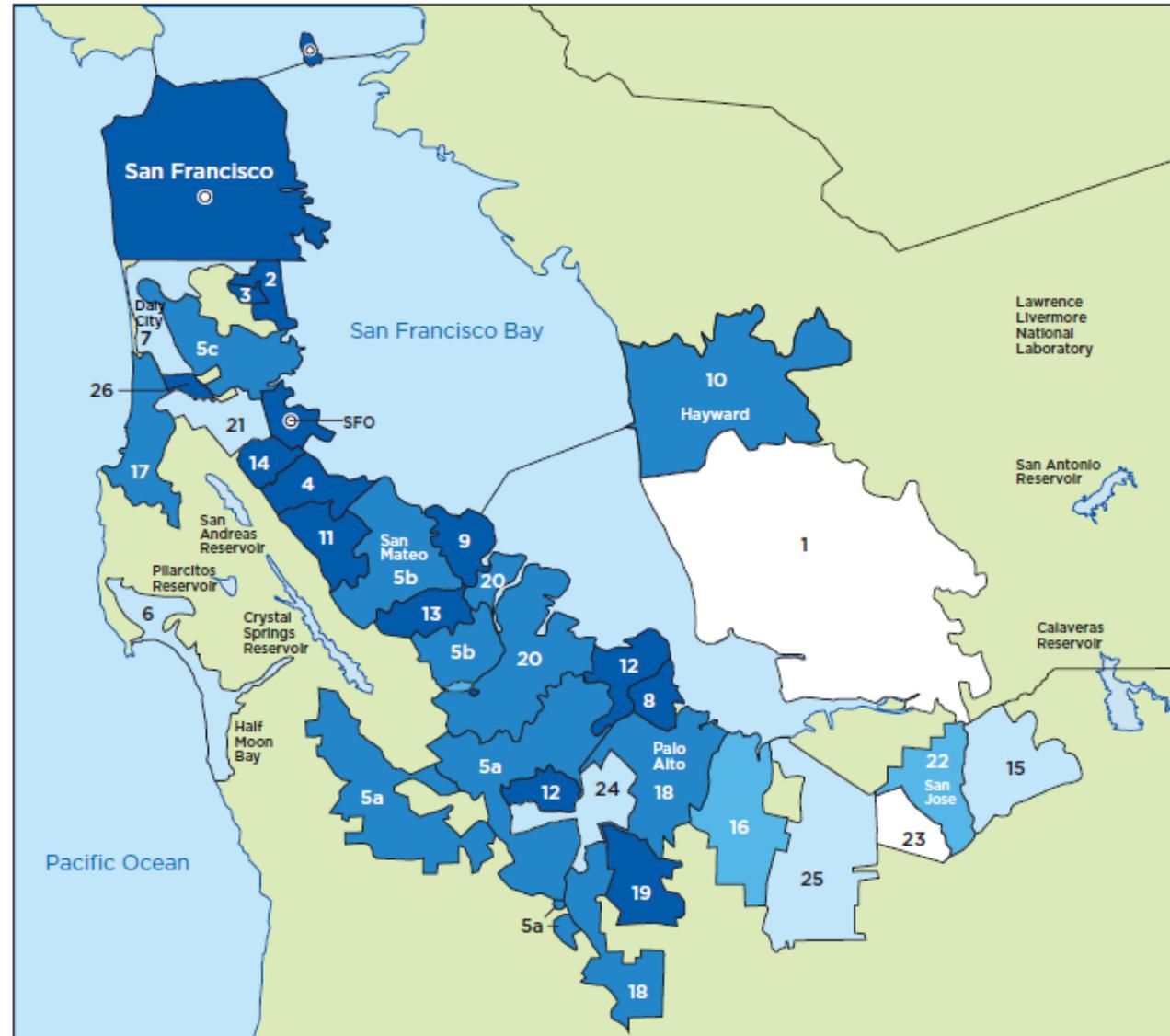
Legend

1	Alameda County Water	9	Guadalupe Valley	19	Purissima Hills Water
2	City of Brisbane	10	City of Hayward	20	City of Redwood City
3	City of Burlingame	11	Town of Hillsborough	21	City of San Bruno
4a	CWS – Bear Gulch	12	City of Menlo Park	22	San Jose Municipal Water
4b	CWS – Mid-Peninsula	13	Mid-Peninsula Water	23	City of Santa Clara
4c	CWS – SSF	14	City of Millbrae	24	Stanford University
5	Coastside County Water	15	City of Milpitas	25	City of Sunnyvale
6	City of Daly City	16	City of Mountain View	26	Westborough Water
7	City of East Palo Alto	17	North Coast County		
8	Estero Municipal	18	City of Palo Alto		

Source: BAWSCA FY 2023-24 Annual Survey

Bay Area Reliance on Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System

The Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System supplies high-quality drinking water to over 2.7 million residents and businesses throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Of the 26 wholesale customers, 21 rely on the Regional System for more than 60% of their drinking water supply.



#	Service Population	MGD purchased from SFPUC	% of total supply
1	Alameda County Water District - 344,000	9.71	29.5%
2&3	City of Brisbane / Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District - 4,851	0.53	100%
4	City of Burlingame - 31,109	2.96	100%
5a	Cal Water Service Co. / Bear Gulch	262,704	99.7%
5b	Cal Water Service Co. / Mid-Peninsula		
5c	Cal Water Service Co. / SSF		
6	Coastside County Water District - 18,890	0.71	54.3%
7	City of Daly City - 107,000	3.14	54.8%
8	East Palo Alto - 29,519	1.38	100%
9	Estero Municipal Improvement District - 37,443	3.76	100%
10	City of Hayward - 162,954	12.91	99.8%
11	Town of Hillsborough - 11,592	2.05	100%
12	City of Menlo Park - 20,319	2.19	100%
13	Mid-Peninsula Water District - 30,159	2.16	100%
14	City of Millbrae - 21,579	1.74	100%
15	City of Milpitas - 81,067	4.57	56.1%
16	City of Mountain View - 81,501	6.72	84.5%
17	North Coast County Water District - 37,082	2.10	98.6%
18	City of Palo Alto - 68,624	8.63	90.3%
19	Purissima Hills Water District - 6,245	1.31	100%
20	City of Redwood City - 90,928	7.25	93.7%
21	City of San Bruno - 43,910	1.22	41.4%
22	San Jose Municipal Water System, North - 43,036	3.72	82.9%
23	City of Santa Clara - 132,476	2.88	16.3%
24	Stanford University - 33,827	1.39	55.6%
25	City of Sunnyvale - 156,317	7.92	51.7%
26	Westborough Water District - 13,486	0.70	100%
●	City and County of San Francisco - 843,071	53.1	100%

Percentage of Reliance:



1-29%



30-59%



60-89%



90-99%



100%

Source: BAWSCA FY 2022-23 Annual Survey; SFPUC Water Resources Annual Report FY 2023-24

BAWSCA's Interest in the Bay-Delta Plan

- BAWSCA's Goal is to Ensure a Reliable Supply of High-Quality Water at a Fair Price
 - The water rights are held by the City / County of San Francisco
 - BAWSCA must be a champion of the water rights as they are crucial to BAWSCA's ability to continue to achieve our Goal
 - BAWSCA must have a seat at the table of regulatory discussions on water rights
- The Hetch Hetchy Watershed, which is on the upper Tuolumne River, provides approximately 85 percent of San Francisco Regional Water System (SF RWS) supply
- Approximately two-thirds of SF RWS's total water deliveries go to BAWSCA agencies
- SFPUC's 2020 analysis shows that a 40 percent unimpaired flow objective would significantly reduce SF RWS supply during times of drought
 - The SFPUC will update their drought restriction estimates in 2026 using the latest demand study estimates
 - Drought restriction estimates are used by member agencies to evaluate their ability to meet future needs (e.g., to meet RHNA / housing requirements, envisioned growth, etc.)

Activities Associated with the Adoption and Possible Future Amendment to the Bay-Delta Plan

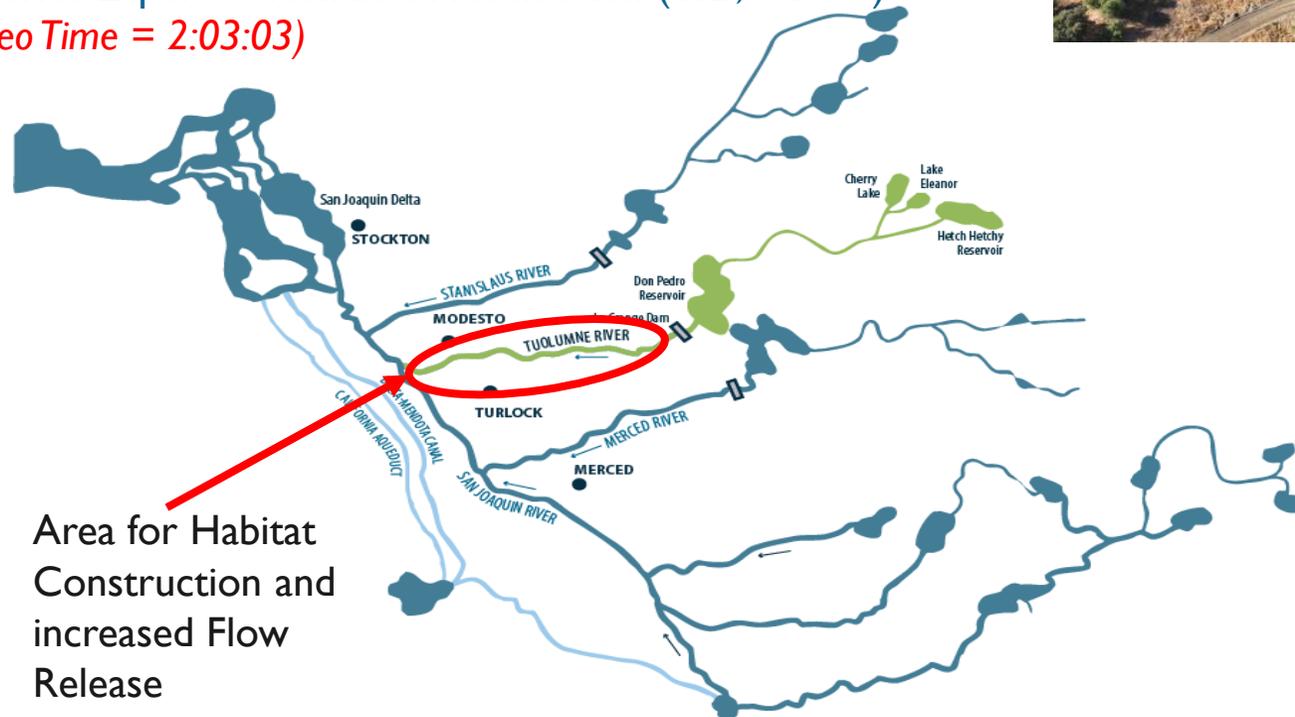
- Dec. 2018: the State Water Board (Board) adopted Bay-Delta Plan amendments focused on increasing unimpaired flows
 - The Board's adoption resolution encouraged stakeholders to reach voluntary agreements that incorporate a mix of flow and non-flow measures to reduce impacts on water rights holders
- Early 2019: water agencies as well as environmental organizations filed litigation against the State
 - BAWSCA filed as an intervenor to that litigation
- Nov. 2022: Tuolumne River parties, including the SFPUC, entered into a MOU with the State of California stipulating the parties' mutual commitment toward the development and implementation of the Tuolumne HRL Plan (as a Bay-Delta Plan Amendment)
- April 2023: the Board provided formal notice that it was commencing the analysis of the scientific basis of the Tuolumne HRL Plan
- Sept. 2025: the Board released their "Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement".
 - The Board noticed a public workshop that to be held on Nov. 5, 2025, to discuss the report / take oral comments
 - The workshop was recorded, and can be viewed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VKhnLbZe4U>
 - Written comments on the Draft Report were due by Nov. 7th, 2025

Nov. 5th Panel Discussion of the Tuolumne River HRL Plan Provided a Broad Overview of Key HRLP Elements

Details Provided on Nov. 5th State Water Board Panel

Discussions:

- Agency Leads (General Managers / Key Tuolumne River Parties (MID, TID and SFPUC General Managers & key staff)) (Video Time = 1:23:10)
- Fisheries Experts - Technical Presentation (TID, SFPUC) (Video Time = 2:03:03)



Floodplain Habitat Creation



Gravel Spawning Habitat Creation



In Channel Rearing Habitat Creation

Nov. 7th Comment Letters

BAWSCA's letter noted:

- BAWSCA supports the State Water Board's processes underway
 - State Water Board's involvement is best suited to bring all parties together
- The Draft SBR provides sufficient documentation to warrant moving the Tuolumne HRL forward
- The Tuolumne HRL provides new floodplain and rearing habitat, restores spawning areas, and increases river flow in all hydrologic year types
- The Tuolumne HRL is predicted to result in a 150% increase in juvenile salmon
- The cost of habitat restoration (\$80M) would be covered by the SFPUC, Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District (not rely on monies from the State or Federal Gov't)
- Reminds the Board why BAWSCA is engaged in the process:
 - Concerns regarding potential impacts on water supply reliability
 - Supply limitations could negatively impact our region's ability to address housing needs
 - Drought cutback requirements may prove impossible to implement under the adopted plan given that our member agencies already have low residential water use
- Encourages the Board to continue to advance the Tuolumne River HRL forward so that it can implemented as soon as possible

Comment letters submitted by the SFPUC go into greater detail regarding components of the Draft Scientific Basis Report that they suggested needed additional work. Comment letters from environmental orgs. spoke to their concerns

Viewing Guide: State Water Board's Workshop of Nov. 5, 2025

- Introduction by State Water Board Chair - E. Joaquin Esquivel (9:10)
- Statement by Assembly Member Juan Alanis (as read by David Monroy) – represents Stanislaus and Merced Counties (15:26)
- State Water Board Presentation – given by Stephen Louie + staff (19:48)
- Cal. Department of Water Resources – given by Eric Loboschfsky (52:13)
- Public Comments – Elected Officials - in person and via remote (55:43)
- Tuolumne River Parties (MID, TID and SFPUC General Managers + key staff) (1:23:10)
- Tuolumne River Parties – Technical Presentation (TID, SFPUC (3 staff)) (2:03:03)
- Environmental Organizations - Panel #1 – Friends of the River (Devon Pearse), SF Bay Keepers (Jonathan Rosenfield) (4:20:16)
- Environmental Organizations - Panel #2 – Yosemite River Alliance (Peter Drekmeier), CSPA (Chris Shutes), Golden State Salmon Association (Barry Nelson) (4:55:06)
- Public Comment – Senator Marie Alavarado-Gills (as read by Julianne Phillips) (6:16:00)
- Public Comments – General (Agency and organization staff, members of the public) (6:17:46)

Guide for Viewing BAWSCA Comments Made at the State Water Board's Workshop of Nov. 5th

- BAWSCA oral comment (*began at 6:17:46 on video*)
 - Voiced support for the Draft Scientific Basis Report and the continued advancement of the Tuolumne HRLP
- BAWSCA Elected Officials public comments (*began at 55:43 on video - in order of appearance*):
 - David Cohen – City of San Jose (*via remote*)
 - Tom Chambers – Westborough Water District (*via remote*)
 - Karen Hardy – City of Santa Clara (*in person*)
 - Webster Lincoln – City of East Palo Alto (*in person*)
 - Leslie Ragsdale – City of Hillsborough (*in person*)
 - Aziz Akbari – Alameda County Water District (*via remote*)