

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

ITEM 8

SUBJECT

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE ON THE WATER FORUM AGREEMENT AND COLLABORATION
IN THE AMERICAN RIVER BASIN

DISCUSSION

Following seven years of interest-based negotiations, the Water Forum Agreement was signed in 2000 bringing a new approach to water management and water-based ecosystem protection to the American River basin. The Agreement lays out an approach to meeting the co-equal objectives related to water supply reliability and river habitat protection. Since 2000, Water Forum members – including business and agricultural leaders, citizen groups, environmentalists, water managers, and local governments – have successfully improved water management and riverine ecosystem conditions. This informational presentation provides a status report of the Water Forum Agreement and the actions it has precipitated.

POLICY ISSUE

None – Informational Item only

FISCAL IMPACT

None – Informational Item only

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None – Informational Item only

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None – Informational Item only