## You are invited!

Join us in test-driving the Framework. Enhance and transform your work by crossing sector and geographic boundaries to coordinate local activities across a watershed, amplifying impact and enhancing adaptability in the face of a changing climate.

Climate change is accelerating, and extreme conditions are challenging our systems and infrastructure. Our ability to survive and thrive hinges on our collaborative adaptive capacity. The Watershed Framework offers a means to align and amplify efforts across sectors and geography to better align with natural systems and the new challenges and opportunities that climate change presents.

The Watershed Framework is not just a strategy; it's a dynamic set of activities designed to cultivate leadership and collaborative capacity across entire watersheds. We aim to elevate existing efforts and pinpoint new opportunities to enhance watershed health and function, all while adeptly managing extremes.

You can learn more about the Watershed Framework on the WSN web page.

### The Watershed Framework

The Framework was developed by a group of 25 advisors including land, water, and community practitioners and policy makers. It includes a series of activities that can be taken in any order according to a watershed's needs. The activities are designed to:

- Build trust.
- Establish a common understanding of the watershed, headwaters to outflow.
- Identify and eliminate redundancies.
- Coordinate action across the watershed, sectors, jurisdictions, and geography.



Are you ready to be part of something transformative? Join WSN and be at the forefront of equitable, comprehensive solutions. Let's learn, experiment, and refine together, creating a resilient future for California and beyond!

### The Test Drive: Your Invitation to Innovate!

At the Water Solutions Network (WSN), we're currently test-driving the framework, refining it, and crafting a playbook. We invite you to be part of this groundbreaking initiative building an understanding of what we can accomplish together.

Picture this: coordinated upper watershed restoration mitigating downstream flooding. It's a compelling vision, yet often hampered by sector and jurisdictional boundaries. For instance, a forest management project may focus on thinning trees and miss opportunities to improve hydrologic function that could contribute to downstream flood mitigation. Together, we can leverage single-sector, jurisdictionally bounded projects and unlock the true potential of collaborative, interdependent outcomes!



# FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLES

- Time is of the essence. Nimble, flexible, adaptive, timely action is paramount.
- Interconnected and coordinated action across a watershed can produce more powerful human interventions.
- Trust is a necessary and foundational condition.
- Equity is essential and can be better accomplished by reconnecting communities across a watershed.
- Water should be affordable to everyone for basic human needs.
- Collaboration creates opportunity to reduce redundancies and conflict.
- A shift toward catalyzing good things vs preventing bad things must be based on transparency and accountability.
- Everyone is a land and water steward.

## Join Us!

We seek leaders interested in looking beyond their own boundaries—those who see the forest for the trees, the systems thinkers—to unite across sectors and jurisdictions in a watershed, headwaters to the ocean. Join us in identifying and actualizing systems-based opportunities that enhance our ability to catch up to the pace of climate change and make our communities safer and more resilient.



### **About WSN**

WSN is a network of leaders committed to solving California's most pressing land and water challenges. Founded on an immersive, collaborative learning experience, WSN prepares and inspires participants to:

#### **Cross Boundaries**

**Connect Resources Choose Bold Action** 







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