

Memorandum of Understanding: *County and El Dorado Water Agency*

*El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 30, 2024*



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El Dorado Water Agency Background



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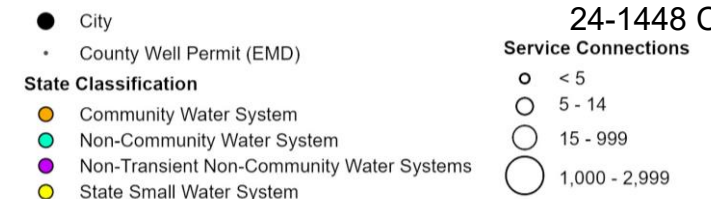
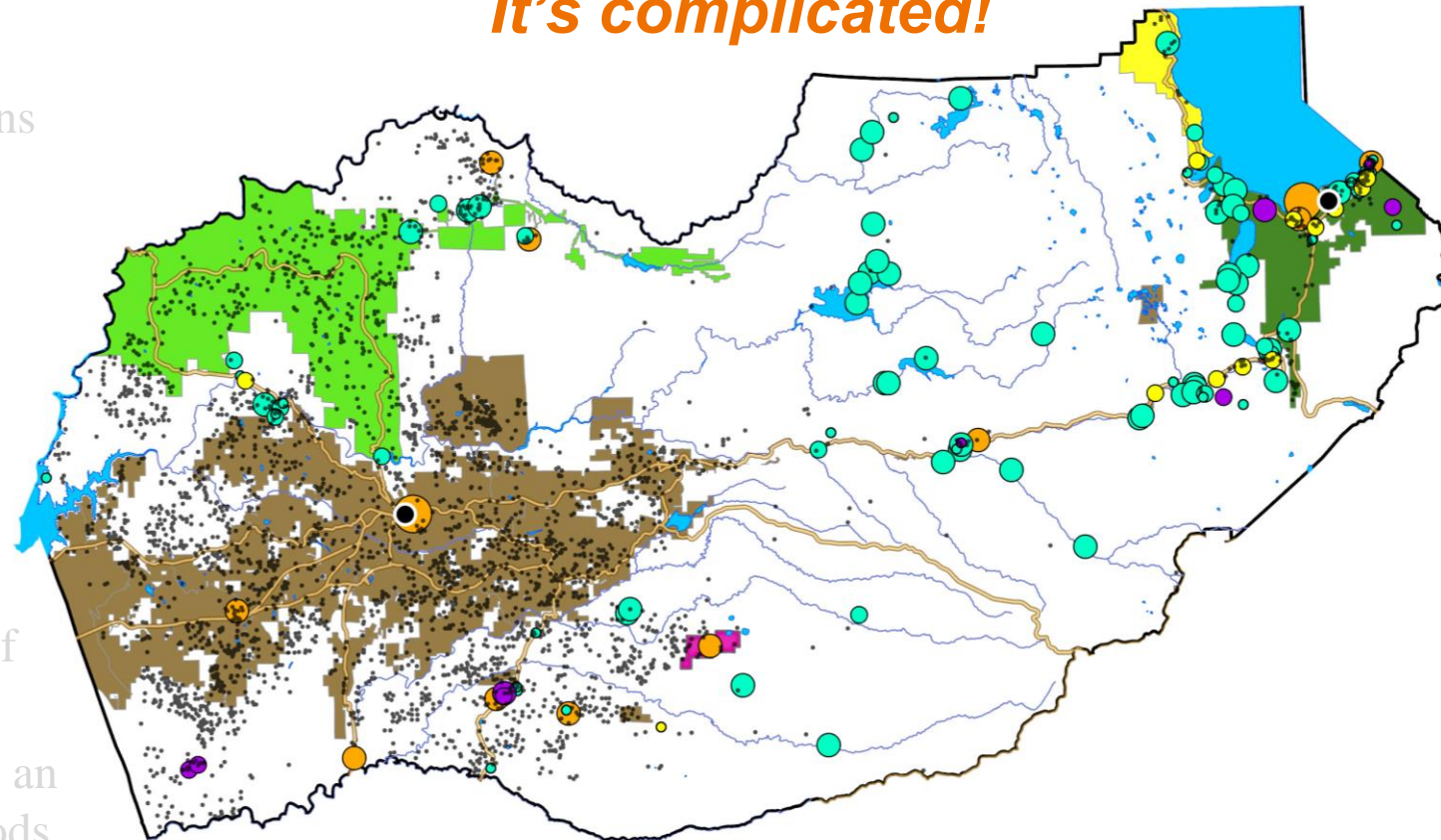
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Summarized from § 96-103 of 1959 EDCWA Act

It's complicated!



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THEREFORE...

Legislature took steps to address the issues.

Enactment of the 1959 EDCWA Act was necessary for the conservation, development, control and use of water for the public good and for the protection of life and property therein with geographical limits of the entire county



Our Mission



Ensure that El Dorado County has adequate and affordable water to maintain economic prosperity, protect the environment, and support the rural-agriculture way of life for today and in the future.



El Dorado Water Agency

Countywide water resources planning agency with broad authority

- *Water Supply*
- *Storage*
- *Hydropower*
- *Water Quality*
- *Stormwater*
- *Flood control/storage*
- *Water Quality*
- *Negotiate with federal and state agencies for water management and facility construction*

To support realization of County General Plan

QUICK FACTS

Not a water retailer

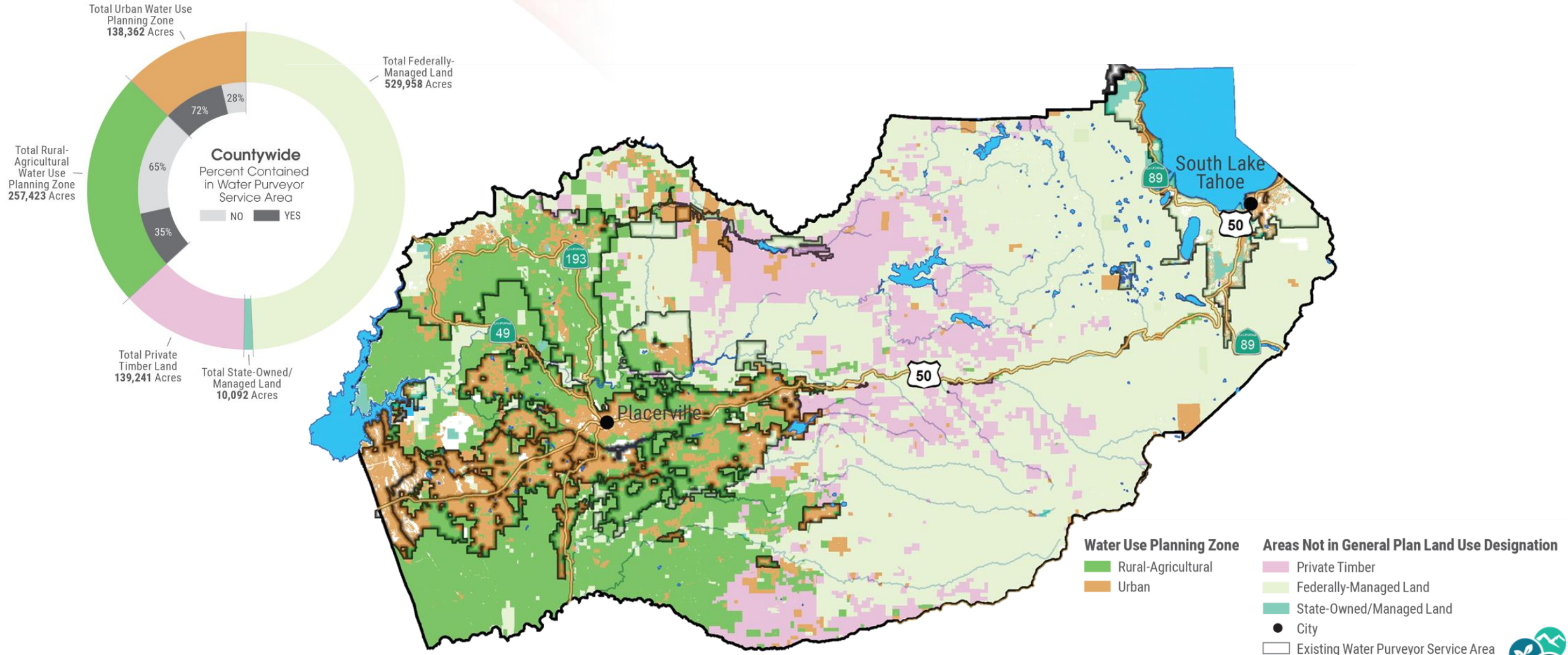
Board of Directors

- 3 County Board of Supervisors
- 1 West Slope representative (EID, GDPUD, GFCSD)
- 1 Tahoe Basin representative (STPUD, TCPUD)

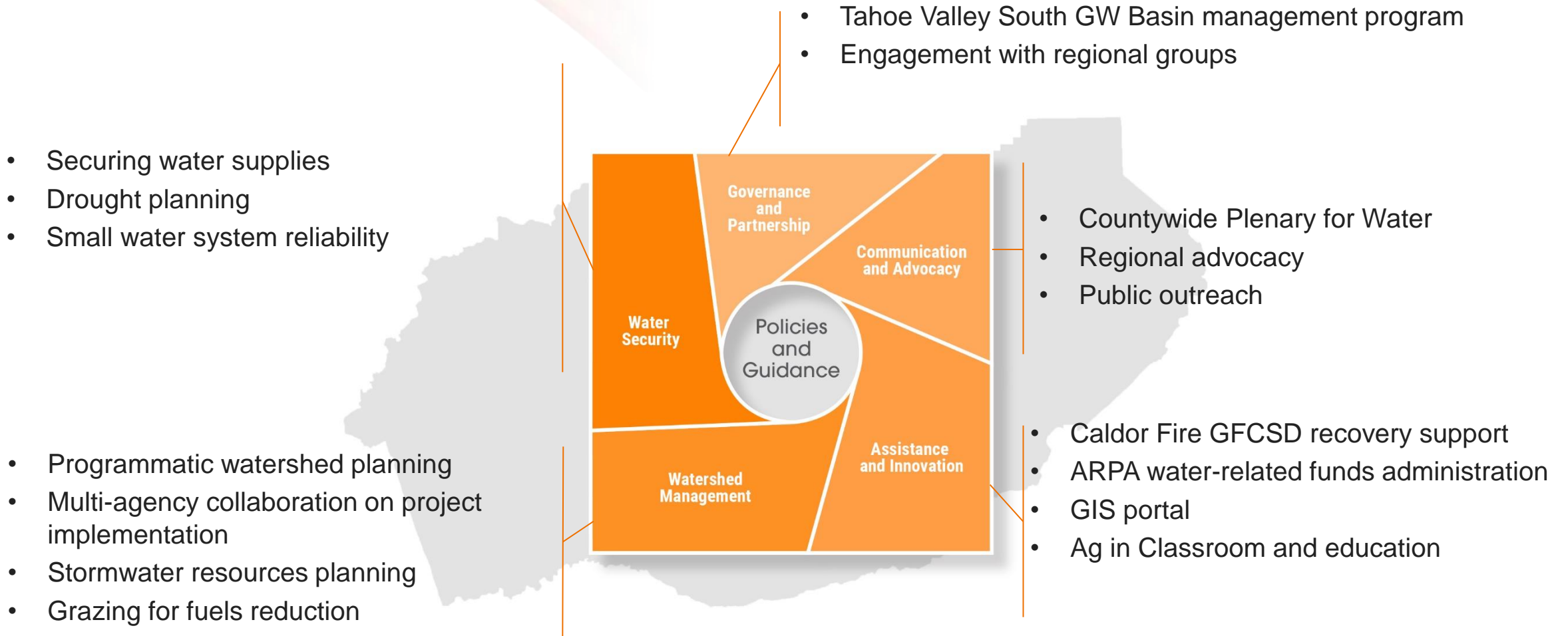
4.5 FTE Staff



General Plan Vision at Land Capacity Level



Sampling of Our Initiatives





Memorandum of Understanding

Past/Ongoing Board-Approved Agreements

- Countywide Water Planning (Ordinance 5096)
- Senate Bill 552 Compliance: Drought Planning for Small Water Systems
- Fairgrounds Water Drainage Improvements Study
- Outdoor Irrigation Water Conservation
- Safety Element Update
- American Rescue Plan Act funding administration
- Services Agreement for admin and operational support



Why an MOU?

- We have a **collective interest** to protect, preserve, and enhance the water resources interests of El Dorado County.
- We have **related water resources-related activities elements**
- We desire to be more **efficient and effective** in identifying our respective long-term water resources needs, analyzing ways to work in collaboration, and **proactively** meeting these needs and developing and **implementing cooperative plans**

Recent drought conditions, wildfires, and flooding exacerbate this need

MOU Outline

- I. Purpose
- II. Background
- III. Statement of Mutual Benefit and Interest
- IV. Past and ongoing collaboration
- V. Mutual Understanding



<https://legaldocsbyme.com>

MOU Highlights



Renews our commitment to collaborate to ensure alignment and promote management of water related resources within El Dorado County.



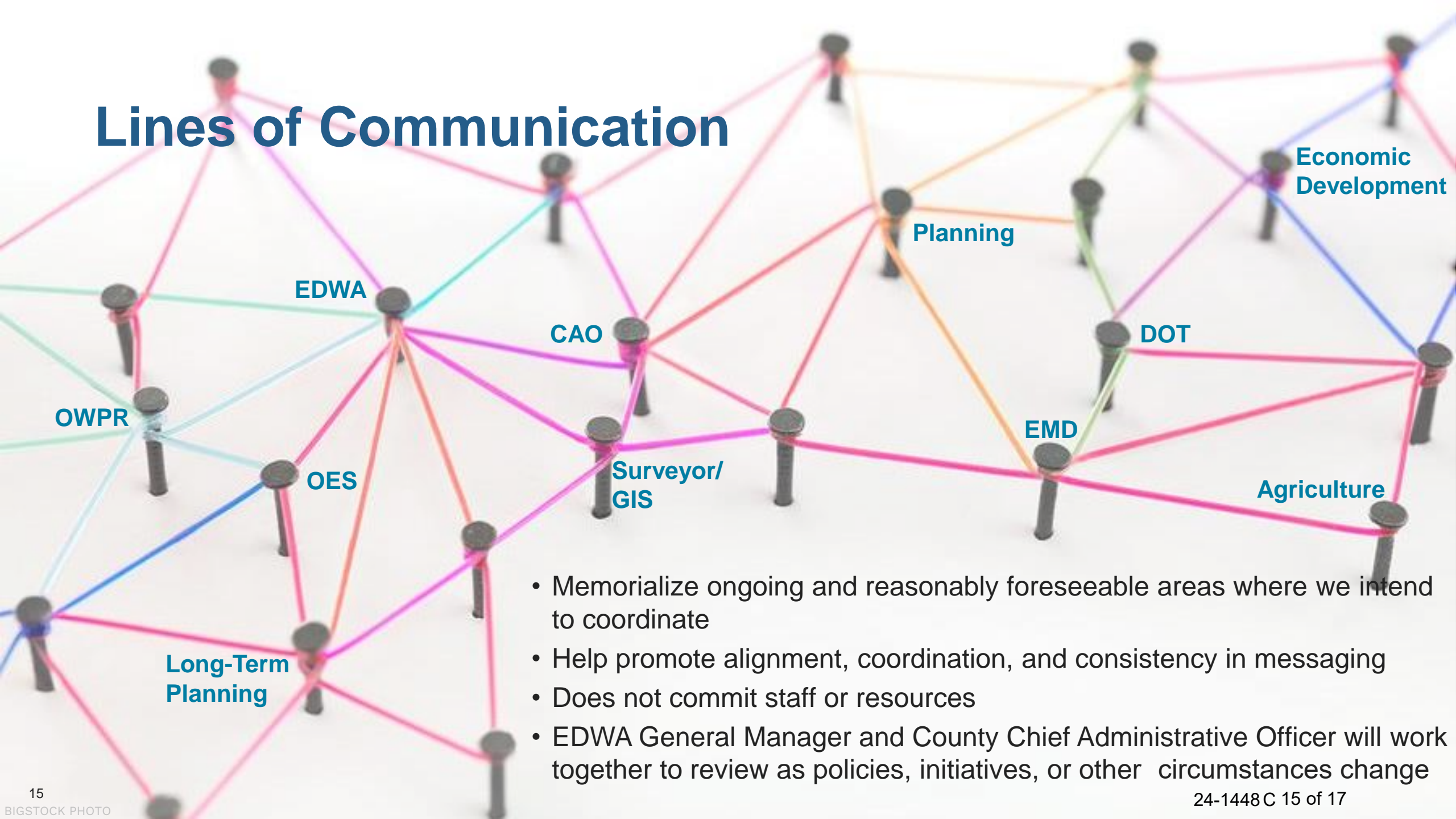
Establishes a sustainable venue between the County CAO and EDWA General Manager, for initiatives related to countywide water resources in El Dorado County



Establishes lines of communication allowing us to complement, avoid duplication, and apply expertise to our respective assignments



Lines of Communication



- Memorialize ongoing and reasonably foreseeable areas where we intend to coordinate
- Help promote alignment, coordination, and consistency in messaging
- Does not commit staff or resources
- EDWA General Manager and County Chief Administrative Officer will work together to review as policies, initiatives, or other circumstances change

Lines of Communication	EDCWA	CAO	EMD	DOT	Agriculture	Planning	Long-Term Planning	OES	Economic Development	OWPR	Surveyor/GIS
Areas for Coordination											
Water Supply Reliability											
Other County Areas	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Countywide	X	X			X	X	X		X		X
Stormwater											
Stormwater Resources Planning	X	X		X	X	X	X		X		X
Flood Control Planning, O&M	X			X	X	X					X
Watershed Management											
Watershed Restoration and Protection	X		X	X	X		X				X
Watershed Valuation	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Comprehensive Planning Efforts											
Comprehensive Plans	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
Hazard Preparedness and Recovery, as applicable (e.g., small water systems, water agencies)	X	X					X	X	X	X	
Other Topics											
Data	X	X	X				X		X	X	X
Advocacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		24-1448	C 16 of 17	



Questions?

