



# THE POWER OF OUR NETWORK



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



# 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

**4,146**

INDIVIDUALS  
educated through

**88**

EVENTS (River Rally,  
webinars, and workshops)

**\$80,000**

SCHOLARSHIPS granted to

**141**

RIVER RALLY PARTICIPANTS  
in need

**86,134**

INDIVIDUALS  
reached through our website,  
newsletter, and social media

**1** SEARCHABLE WATER PROTECTORS MAP  
launched with more than **6,160** LOCAL  
GROUPS

**500**

HOURS OF SUPPORT  
provided in

**38**

DIRECT  
CONSULTATIONS

**13,385**

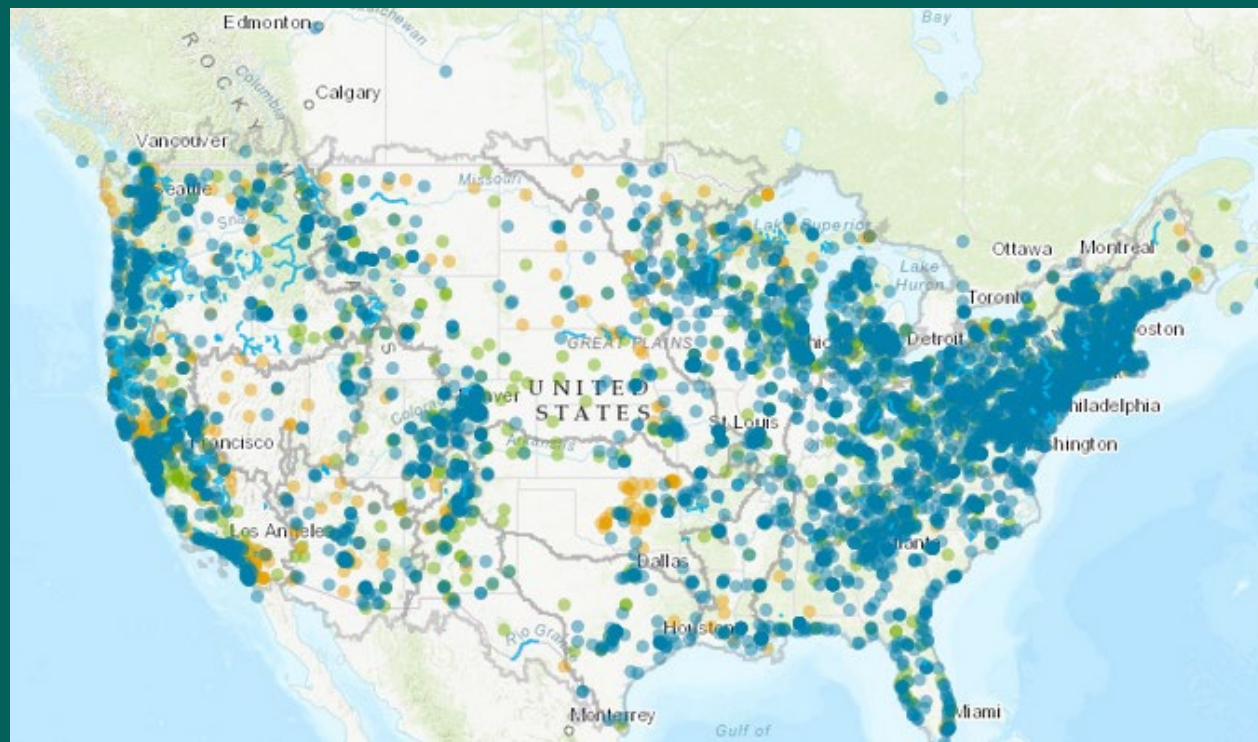
VOLUNTEERS attended

**24**

RIVER NETWORK  
CLEAN-UP EVENTS

**270,000**

POUNDS  
OF LITTER  
removed from rivers



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AND THE VIBRANT FUTURE OF OUR NETWORK

River Network was founded thirty years ago to strengthen local efforts to protect rivers. Over three decades our focus has remained remarkably consistent: **We connect people to save rivers.** That simple tagline belies a tremendous amount of action to protect and restore waters across the country, particularly at the local level. Today this network is [over 6,000 strong](#).

As backbone to this network, we educate and empower champions to effectively engage their communities, influence decision makers, assert their opinion on policy change, and translate strategies from our national network into local solutions for healthy rivers and clean water. Every day, thousands of these local champions are working across the U.S. Take a moment to [meet our network](#) and learn their stories.

River Network began by helping river and watershed organizations expand protections for pristine rivers. Since then our ambitions, leadership, and programs have evolved to align with our understanding of what rivers need to remain healthy, the challenges of a changing climate, and significant shifts in the social, political, and economic context of water.

While remaining committed to bolstering local groups and grassroots efforts, we now build coalitions across sectors—uniting NGOs, tribal nations, government agencies, and businesses to achieve bigger impacts. We support groups focused on urban flooding, partnerships between farmers and ranchers and conservation groups, and programs that support a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive water future. And we connect businesses with local projects and groups that help them achieve their corporate water stewardship goals with direct, community-level impact.

With our [new five-year strategic plan launched this year](#), we offer a blueprint for harnessing the power of our network to catalyze action on four key issues fundamental to solving today's water crisis:

- Clean, safe, affordable drinking water
- Resilient cities and communities
- Healthy rivers in agricultural landscapes
- Robust and effective water laws and policies

The strategic plan spells out the importance of our leadership at the intersection of water and equity, diversity, and inclusion. You can read more about our commitment and our [mission, vision, and values](#) in the About Us section of our website.

We are grateful to everyone who has been part of River Network's path. Our network and its connections to communities and leaders across our country are a powerful force for good. This is a pivotal moment for us, a time when local solutions offer the best promise for progress and greatest hope for our future. As we step into this next chapter, we do so with appreciation for where we started, where we stand today, and where we will go next in partnership with everyone who cares about clean water and healthy rivers. We invite you to join us on this journey.

With gratitude,

Nicole Silk  
President

Rebecca Wodder  
Board Chair



Nicole Silk



Rebecca Wodder

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# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

## EVENTS AND LEARNING

One of our core beliefs is that the collective knowledge, wisdom, and experience of members of our network is our greatest resource. When we convene leaders working on particular issues or geographies to learn from one another, share insights, and support each other's work, leaders have greater impact and feel more connected. In 2018, we hosted a variety of learning exchanges and peer networks, including the Southeast River Flows Peer Network, Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Learning Cohort, Urban Flooding and Vulnerable Communities Collaborative, and the Colorado Environmental Water Transactions Network. While focused on different issues, these efforts share the approach of tapping the expertise "in the room" to advance everyone's work.

Our reach was impressive. In 2018, River Network hosted 88 events and webinars that provided more than 4,146 individuals with the knowledge they need to protect their local waters. We also created online resources such as the Science and Technical Resources Portal with templates, tools, and guidance for community water science efforts.



*"River Rally has left me inspired and in awe of work being done around the U.S. I am leaving rejuvenated and with stronger hope for our shared work. I look forward to applying my knowledge with our partnering communities."*

*-2018 River Rally scholarship recipient*

**DID YOU KNOW?** Communities with local water advocacy and river groups truly do have healthier rivers according to recent proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

## RIVER RALLY 2018

River Rally, our network's annual gathering, attracted 474 water leaders, scientists, nonprofit professionals, students, funders, and advocates from 43 U.S. states, Canada, and Australia to learn, celebrate, and gain inspiration toward a future of clean and ample water for people and nature. Participants gathered in Olympic Valley, California, from April 29–May 2 to share practical solutions and approaches for strengthening coalitions and organizations for greater impact. The event marked the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Thanks to more than \$80,000 in scholarship funding, 141 participants received financial support to attend.

A special thank you to our River Rally 2018 Lead- and Basin-level sponsors: Patagonia, Anheuser-Busch, The Water Foundation, Bridgestone-Americas, Coca-Cola Company, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, PRADCO Outdoor Brands, Abahac, Inc., EPA Urban Waters Learning Network, and The Walton Family Foundation.

## INCREASING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

In 2018, we continued working toward our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) goals as an organization, striving to model changes needed to address water-related inequities and create a more diverse and inclusive network of leaders and organizations. River Network published our Principles for Equitable and Inclusive Work and used these as the foundation for our Equity Tool, deployed in new program development and evaluation efforts. We also began collecting demographic data from event participants, one of various metrics in our EDI Dashboard designed to help us evaluate progress toward our EDI goals. We made strides to model inclusive leadership, engaging a cadre of young leaders to host the first-ever People of Color social hour and White Allies breakfast tables at River Rally. And we refreshed imagery and content on our website to inspire inclusivity across the network, highlighting the impactful work of leaders of color across the country.



## GROWING BUSINESS-SUPPORTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Businesses play a vital role in our water future. By collaborating with our diverse base of local water experts, River Network creates turnkey volunteer and water-stewardship activities that connect businesses with consumers through grassroots conservation. In 2018, River Network collaborated with more than 60 member organizations to host river cleanups, rain barrel workshops, and other events that highlighted businesses' commitment to water and communities. River Network and our member groups hosted more than 13,000 volunteers at 24 events with staff from Anheuser-Busch, removing 270,000 pounds of litter from rivers and planting over 5,000 trees along river banks. Since 2010, our partnership with Anheuser-Busch has engaged more than 40,000 volunteers in removing nearly one million pounds of litter from rivers across the U.S. In addition, River Network's Project Rain Barrel distributed 1,250 upcycled rain barrels at 63 public workshops across 21 states in 2018 in collaboration with Coca-Cola North America.



*"I enjoyed learning about local water resources and how to protect and conserve our water through practices such as the rain barrel catchment system."*

*-Butte Environmental Council Project Rain Barrel workshop participant, Chico, CA*

**DID YOU KNOW?** Environmental concerns rank higher for people of color and low-income Americans than other groups according to a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.



**MEET OUR NETWORK: KIRA DAVIS**  
*Program Director, Conservation Resource Alliance, Traverse City, Michigan*

Kira is an Odawa woman (Anishnaabekwe) and Tribal citizen of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Kira restores water and land connectivity by removing dams and improperly sized culverts, improving in-stream habitat, and linking wildlife corridors.

*"In some areas in Michigan people don't have access to clean water. It is a crisis. We have to preserve the rivers that feed the Great Lakes to keep the economy balanced, to make sure the Great Lakes don't reach their ecological tipping point. There is such heart in the work River Network does. Being a part of it gives me hope for the future, that we can protect our rivers."*



# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

## ROBUST & EFFECTIVE LAWS & POLICIES

*River Network empowers citizens, organizations, and governments to protect, strengthen, and implement the bedrock laws and policies that safeguard water for our communities and our rivers.*

### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WILD & SCENIC RIVERS

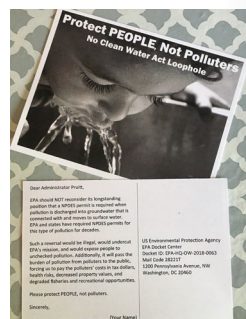
2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. With support from Patagonia, River Network celebrated this key law by growing and strengthening protection efforts for these rivers through outreach, grant making, and storytelling. We analyzed and reported on the needs of groups across the U.S. for key insights on how to increase support for these rivers over the next 50 years. As part of our focus on Wild and Scenic Rivers at River Rally 2018, we co-hosted a full-day gathering of more than 50 individuals from partner NGOs, federal agencies, universities, and the private sector to share best practices and develop a coalition of groups working to protect newly designated rivers and steward existing ones. Our searchable Water Protectors Map connected users to local groups protecting these rivers. We also celebrated our Wild and Scenic Rivers by collecting and sharing inspiring stories, like that of the Kern River's success in cultivating a new generation of river stewards, and supporting four local groups through grants for their work in this area.



### LEVERAGING VOICES FOR CLEAN WATER

River Network, alongside our fellow members of the Clean Water for All coalition, continued to leverage voices of individuals and water organizations across the country to tell Congress, the EPA, and the President that we need safeguards for our waters and well-funded programs to protect and restore them. Our voices continue to be heard. To support these efforts, River Network published our Federal Budget Toolkit—helping groups identify impacts of funding cuts and effectively communicate with decision makers—and shared regular updates through email, social media, and other communications. These efforts also included amplifying the voices of this year's River Rally

attendees by hosting a River Rally Action Station and collecting 247 postcards representing 36 states to mail in to EPA opposing a harmful, proposed rollback to the Clean Water Act. In the coming year we'll continue these efforts, increasing focus on civic engagement, to leverage our voices for healthy rivers and clean water across the country.



### MEET OUR NETWORK: MONICA LEWIS-PATRICK Co-Founder & President, We the People of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan

Monica Lewis-Patrick is an educator, entrepreneur, and human rights advocate. As a former Lead Legislative Policy Analyst for Detroit City Council, Monica has authored legislation, conducted research, and delivered constituency services to thousands of Detroit residents.

*“River Network has been a partner for us and instrumental in bringing together stakeholders that hadn't interfaced before. The network raises collective consciousness about how to approach water.”*

## RESILIENT CITIES & COMMUNITIES

*River Network helps local groups develop proactive strategies to address flood and drought in their communities, minimizing harm to people, economies, wildlife, and natural areas in the event of a natural disaster.*

### CONNECTING URBAN WATER LEADERS

Since its creation in 2011, the Urban Waters Learning Network (UWLN) has grown from 10 to 525 members and served as a forum for practitioners to share practical, on-the-ground experiences to improve urban waters and revitalize neighborhoods around them. As the UWLN coordinator, River Network identifies successful urban waters restoration and community engagement efforts and promotes their strategies through webinars, peer calls, and published impact stories. This year we highlighted nearly two dozen projects, including efforts to restore ecosystems in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, to promote public health through the publication of the *LA River Report Card*, and to increase youth engagement through environmental justice graphic novels, water quality monitoring, and climate change education. In April River Network hosted the 2018 Urban Waters Learning Forum at which nearly 60 practitioners discussed how to develop resilient communities in the face of environmental disasters. UWLN Awards recognized four outstanding leaders: Darryl Haddock, Nicole Messacar, James Rasmussen, and Shane Wright.

*“The Urban Waters Learning Network provides communities that I work with an instant link to a mature network.”*

*—Urban Waters Learning Forum participant*



**DID YOU KNOW?** Over 12% of the U.S. population is exposed to flood risk, including nearly 170 coastal communities expected to reach or exceed the threshold for chronic inundation from rising seas by 2035.



### PROMOTING STRATEGIES FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION

In 2018, River Network supported organizations addressing urban flooding in Albuquerque (NM), Denver (CO), Portland (OR), Providence (RI) and Atlanta (GA) through the Urban Flooding & Equity for Vulnerable Communities Collaborative. River Network hosted in-person learning retreats, facilitated group calls, provided peer-to-peer mentoring, supported leaders, and offered direct financial assistance to groups in the Collaborative. We designed capacity building services and peer exchanges to help groups strengthen community leadership from underrepresented communities and collect data to track green infrastructure and equity outcomes. We supported cohort members' efforts to build trust with their local partners and develop a shared commitment to dismantling racism. And we trained groups to frame urban flooding and green infrastructure initiatives as climate adaptation and resilience strategies.

*“I work with decision-makers all the time; the Learning Retreat got me to think more about how to work with them to address DEI [diversity, equity and inclusion]. The focus on the communities and engaging with them is the best way to get decision-makers to incorporate DEI.”*

*—Michael Jensen, Amigos Bravos*



# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

## CLEAN, SAFE, AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER

*River Network educates and empowers local groups working for equitable access to clean, safe, affordable drinking water. We help leaders protect dependable source waters and ensure effective water treatment and delivery to communities across the U.S.*

### ADVOCATING FOR SAFE, AFFORDABLE, SUSTAINABLE DRINKING WATER

Drinking water safety is one of the highest public concerns. Many local groups need support in advocating for safe, affordable, and sustainable drinking water systems for their communities. To bridge this gap, River Network is developing a Drinking Water Guide with content informed by our Drinking Water Advisory Group, launched in 2018. The 12 members of this committee represent water utilities, city, water and environmental justice leaders, and policy and legal experts. These groups provide real-world experience, insight, and expertise which informs the guide, slated for release in early 2019.



### ADDRESSING THE DRINKING WATER CRISIS

An estimated 15 million people in the United States experienced a water shutoff in 2016, and millions of Americans are uncertain their drinking water is safe to drink and not contaminated. This year we launched the Safe & Affordable Drinking Water Peer Learning Cohort for groups working for safe, clean, and affordable drinking water in their communities, including Cicero and Berwyn, IL; Milwaukee, WI; Newark, NJ; Pittsburgh, PA; Providence, RI; Robbins, IL; and Tombstone Territory and Sanger, CA. These communities face a range of issues, from unreliable drinking-water supplies due to drought, to unaffordable water utility rates, to lead-contaminated drinking water. River Network provides financial support, training, consulting services, and networking opportunities to support cohort members. In June we hosted a two-day learning retreat at which we discussed how to educate community members, engage public health

interests, work with special populations, and advocate for both short-term fixes and long-term policy solutions. We continue to support each cohort member through research, mentoring, and access to relevant tools and resources.

*“This learning cohort is a great opportunity to stay continually engaged with the drinking water concerns that our communities share. As we learn from each other’s success and setbacks, River Network provides a forum for exchanging knowledge and resources to promote a positive, lasting impact on the health of children, migrants, and other vulnerable populations across the nation.”*

*–Stephen Hawkins, Interfaith Earth Network*

## HEALTHY RIVERS IN AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES

*River Network unites water conservation and advocacy groups with farmers and ranchers to develop solutions that support agriculture and healthy rivers.*

### SUPPORTING COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES IN COLORADO

In the Western U.S., agriculture uses more than 80% of water resources to grow food and fiber. Water is the economic base for countless rural communities, and successful agriculture in arid states relies on carefully managed water and river systems. But a managed system doesn't have to mean a dry or lifeless system. River Network is working with coalitions in Colorado to develop plans that meet water users' needs while restoring and protecting rivers. In 2018, our work helped create almost \$800,000 of new funding to craft and implement management plans, which support projects to replant riparian areas to sustain native fisheries, add water to streams in low-flow times, and rebuild irrigation diversion systems to allow for greater efficiency and fewer impacts to rivers.



### ACCELERATING PROGRESS FOR THE COLORADO RIVER

More than twenty conservation organizations now work together to protect and restore the waters of the Colorado River. For the last three years, River Network has built a community across these organizations, connecting approximately 200 practitioners engaged in environmental water transactions (EWTs), bringing them together with policy, climate, and utility experts as well as farmers and ranchers across the region. This year's efforts culminated in a workshop held in Moab, UT, to quicken the pace of knowledge transfer and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

The Colorado River flows 1,450 miles through our nation's most arid region, connecting seven states and two countries, supporting 16 million jobs, generating \$1.4 trillion in annual economic activity, and supplying drinking water to 40 million people. As this region continues to become drier, the efforts of this community to keep enough water moving through this system for nature and people have become more urgent, with River Network's facilitated learning experiences becoming an important touchstone.

*“The opportunity to connect with such an experienced group of professionals on such a specific topic, was very motivating. I came away with big picture ideas, as well as realistic next steps for my own work.”*

*–Bailey Kennett, Arizona Land and Water Trust*



**DID YOU KNOW?** Farms and rangeland cover roughly 44% of U.S. land and consume approximately 80% of our water.



### MEET OUR NETWORK: CARY DENISON Gunnison Basin Project Coordinator, Trout Unlimited, Delta, Colorado

As Gunnison Basin Project Coordinator, Cary works with agricultural producers on agricultural efficiency projects that improve streamflow and overcome irrigation challenges. Cary has lived in the Gunnison Basin his entire life and has served as a private water consultant and a Water Commissioner for the State of Colorado.

*“I recently worked with a wide variety of stakeholders on the Big Cimarron River to maintain base flow this summer, to keep the river from running dry. Being part of River Network has expanded my knowledge base by connecting me to others working on similar projects across different landscapes.”*

# RIVER NETWORK MEMBERS

The following nonprofit organizations, tribal groups and first nations, government agencies, and companies were paid River Network members during our 2018 fiscal year. We are grateful for all that they do to protect and restore rivers and waters for all of us.

## ALABAMA

Alabama Rivers Alliance  
Black Warrior Riverkeeper  
Cahaba River Society  
Coosa Riverkeeper  
Mobile Baykeeper  
**ALASKA**  
Copper River Watershed Project  
Kenai Watershed Forum  
Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

## ARIZONA

Friends of Arizona Rivers

## CALIFORNIA

34 North  
Alameda County Resource Conservation District  
Alpine County Resource Conservation District  
Alpine Watershed Group  
Amador County Resource Conservation District  
American River Parkway Foundation  
Amigos de los Rios  
Antelope Resource Conservation District  
Bard Resource Conservation District  
Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy  
Bishop Paiute Tribe  
Blucher Creek Watershed Council  
Butte County Resource Conservation District  
Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy  
Butte Environmental Council  
Cachuma Resource Conservation District  
California CoastKeeper Alliance  
California Tahoe Conservancy  
Central Modoc Resource Conservation District  
Chowchilla-Red Top Resource Conservation District  
City of Redding Stormwater Program  
Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District  
Coarsegold Resource Conservation District  
Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District  
Coastal Watershed Council  
Columbia Resource Conservation District  
Colusa County Resource Conservation District  
Community Clean Water Institute  
Contra Costa County Resource Conservation District  
Cosumnes American Bear Yuba (CABY) Integrated Regional Water Management  
Del Norte County Resource Conservation District  
Dixon Resource Conservation District  
Dry Creek Conservancy  
East Lake Resource Conservation District  
East Merced Resource Conservation District  
East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District  
Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District  
El Dorado County Resource Conservation District  
Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians Environmental Incentives  
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water  
Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)  
Excelesior-Kings River Resource Conservation District  
Fall River Resource Conservation District  
Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group  
Feather River Resource Conservation District  
Firebaugh Resource Conservation District  
Florin Resource Conservation District  
Foothill Conservancy  
Foothills Water Network  
Friends of Butte Creek  
Friends of Hope Valley  
Friends of Sausal Creek  
Friends of Squaw Valley  
Friends of the Eel River  
Friends of the Gualala River  
Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR)  
Friends of the Napa River  
Friends of the Petaluma River  
Friends of the River  
Friends of the South Fork Kings River  
Friends of the Ten Mile River  
Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District  
Glenn County Resource Conservation District  
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District  
Goose Lake Resource Conservation District  
Grassland Resource Conservation District  
Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District  
Gustine-Romero Resource Conservation District  
Greenbelt Alliance  
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District  
Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Humboldt Baykeeper  
Humboldt County Resource Conservation District  
Imperial Irrigation District Resource Conservation District  
Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD)  
Institute For Conservation Advocacy Research & Education  
Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.  
Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation District  
Ione Band of Miwok Indians  
James Resource Conservation District  
Karak Tribe  
Kern River Conservancy  
Kern Valley Resource Conservation District  
Klamath Riverkeeper  
Klamath-Trinity (Tribal) Resource Conservation District  
Konkow Maidu Cultural Preservation Association  
L.A. Waterkeeper  
Lake Tahoe Water Trail Association  
Lava Beds-Butte Valley Resource Conservation District  
League To Save Lake Tahoe  
Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District  
Los Banos Resource Conservation District  
Lower Consumnes Resource Conservation District  
Madera Resource Conservation District  
Marin Resource Conservation District  
Mariposa County Resource Conservation District  
Matrix of Change  
Mattole Restoration Council  
Mendocino County Resource Conservation and Development  
Mid Klamath Watershed Council  
Mill Creek Conservancy  
Mission Resource Conservation District  
Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District  
Mono County Resource Conservation District  
Mono Lake Foundation  
Monterey Coastkeeper  
Napa County Resource Conservation District  
Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
North West Kern Resource Conservation District  
Northern California River Watch  
Palo Verde Resource Conservation District  
Panoche Resource Conservation District  
Picayune Rancheria (Tribal) Resource Conservation District  
Pit River Resource Conservation District  
Placer County Resource Conservation District  
Poso Resource Conservation District  
Protect American River Canyons  
Putah Creek Council  
ReScape California  
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County  
Resource Conservation District of Monterey County  
Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains  
Restore Hetch Hetchy  
RisingLeaf Watershed Arts  
River LA  
Rivers for Change  
Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District  
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Resource Conservation District  
Russian River Watershed Council  
Russian River Confluence  
Russian River Watershed Association  
Russian Riverkeeper  
Sacramento River Preservation Trust  
Sacramento River Watershed Program  
Salmon River Restoration Council

Salmonid Restoration Federation  
San Benito Resource Conservation District  
San Diego River Park Foundation  
San Francisco Baykeeper  
San Gregorio Environmental Resource Center  
San Jacinto Basin Resource Conservation District  
San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District  
San Luis Resource Conservation District  
San Mateo County Resource Conservation District  
Sanctuary Forest  
Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District  
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District  
Sierra Nevada Alliance  
Sierra Resource Conservation District  
Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District  
Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships  
Siskiyou County Resource Conservation District  
Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District  
Solano County Resource Conservation District  
Solano County Water Agency  
Sonoma Ecology Center  
Sonoma Land Trust  
Sonoma Resource Conservation District  
South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)  
Suisun Marsh Natural History Association  
Suisun Resource Conservation District  
Sutter County Resource Conservation District  
Tahoe Resource Conservation District  
Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation  
Tehachapi Resource Conservation District  
Tehama County Resource Conservation District  
Temecula Elsinore Anza Murietta Resource Conservation District  
The Stream Team  
The Watershed Project  
Tomales Bay Watershed Council  
Trinity County Resource Conservation District  
Trout Unlimited-Truckee River Chapter  
Truckee River Watershed Council  
Tulare County Resource Conservation District  
Tulare Lake Resource Conservation District  
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District  
Tuolumne River Trust  
Turtle Island Restoration Network  
Upper Merced River Watershed Council  
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District  
Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District  
Urban Creeks Council  
Ventana Wilderness Alliance  
Ventura County Resource Conservation District

Water Education Foundation  
Watershed Preservation Network  
West Stanislaus Resource Conservation District  
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District  
Westside Resource Conservation District  
Wildscape Engineering  
Wishtoyo Foundation  
Wolf Creek Community Alliance  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
Yuba County Resource Conservation District  
Yurok Tribe  
**COLORADO**  
Big Thompson Watershed Forum  
Colorado Water Trust  
Eagle River Watershed Council  
High Country Conservation Advocates  
Lake Fork Valley Conservancy  
Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group  
Test Nonprofit  
Upper Colorado River Watershed Group  
Water Education Colorado  
**CONNECTICUT**  
Farmington River Watershed Association  
Housatonic Valley Association  
Park Watershed  
Pequabuck River Organization  
Pequabuck River Watershed Association  
Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
American Rivers  
Groundwork Anacostia River DC  
MDB, Inc. (Michael D Baker)  
National Park Service HQ (NPS)  
Potomac Riverkeeper Network  
U.S. Forest Service (USFS) | Washington, D.C.  
U.S. Water Alliance  
**FLORIDA**  
Apalachicola Riverkeeper  
**GEORGIA**  
Broad River Watershed Association  
Chattahoochee River Conservancy  
Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Coosa River Basin Initiative  
Flint Riverkeeper  
Georgia River Network  
Satilla Riverkeeper  
Savannah Riverkeeper  
Save Our Rivers, Inc.  
Upper Etowah River Alliance  
West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (WAWA)  
WWALS Watershed Coalition (Suwanee Riverkeeper)  
**ILLINOIS**  
Alliance for the Great Lakes (Great Lakes Action)  
Alliance for Water Efficiency  
Friends of the Fox River  
Living Lands and Waters  
Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition  
Openlands  
Prairie Rivers Network  
Illinois Paddling Council  
**INDIANA**  
Friends of the St. Joe River Association  
Friends of the White River  
The Watershed Foundation (Tippecanoe Watershed)  
Wabash County Solid Waste Management District

Wabash River Defenders  
Wabash River Enhancement Corporation  
White River Alliance  
**IOWA**  
Iowa Rivers Revival  
**KENTUCKY**  
Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Kentucky River Watershed Watch  
Kentucky Waterways Alliance  
**LOUISIANA**  
Atchafalaya Basinkeeper  
Groundwork New Orleans (NOLA)  
Gulf Restoration Network  
**MAINE**  
BlkH20 Consulting  
Downeast Salmon Federation  
**MARYLAND**  
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay  
Anacostia Watershed Society  
Gunpowder Riverkeeper  
Howard County Watershed Stewards Academy  
LeadGreen  
Nanticoke Watershed Alliance  
Neighbors of the Northwest Branch  
River Management Society (RMS)  
Rock Creek Conservancy  
**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Charles River Watershed Association  
Connecticut River Conservancy  
Groundwork Lawrence  
Ipswich River Watershed Association  
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust (Lowell Land Trust)  
Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Ecological Restoration  
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance  
Mystic River Watershed Association  
Neponset River Watershed Association  
New England FLOW  
**MICHIGAN**  
Clinton River Watershed Council  
Flint River Watershed Coalition  
Friends of the Rouge  
Friends of the St. Clair River  
Genesee County Hispanic Latino Collaborative, Inc.  
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Heart of the Lakes  
Huron River Watershed Council  
Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition  
Kawkawlin River Watershed Association  
League of Women Voters-Michigan  
LimnoTech  
Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds  
Macatawa Area Coordinating Council  
Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW)  
Plaster Creek Stewards  
Rogue River Watershed Partners  
Sturgeon For Tomorrow  
Thornapple River Watershed Council  
Two Rivers Coalition  
Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance  
Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve  
**MISSOURI**  
Blue River Watershed Association  
Heartland Conservation Alliance  
Missouri Coalition for the Environment  
Missouri River Relief

Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition (Stream Teams United)  
SRAP Water Rangers Program  
**MONTANA**  
Bitter Root Water Forum  
Flathead Lakers  
Montana Watershed Coordination Council  
**NEVADA**  
Desert Research Institute  
Sierra Club-Toiyabe Chapter  
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
Tribal Council of the Nevada City Racheria  
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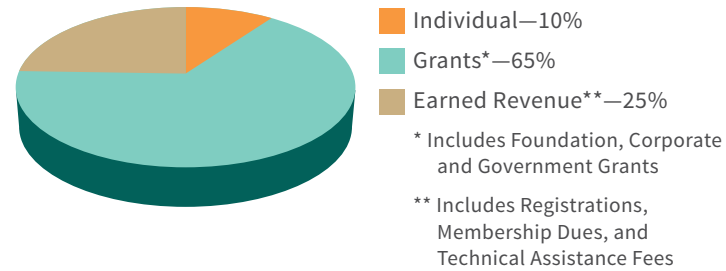
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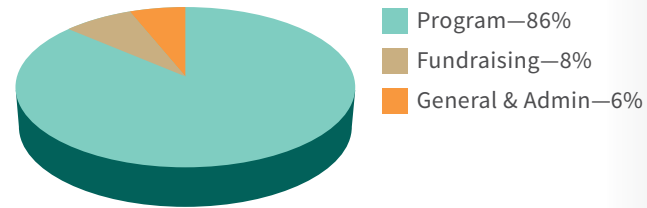
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## SUPPORT & REVENUE



## EXPENSES



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of September 30, 2018  
(\$ thousands) *unaudited*

### ASSETS

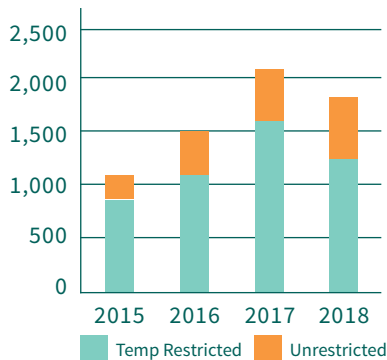
Cash	\$1,529
Grants & Pledges Receivable	314
Accounts Receivable	0
Other Assets	110
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,953</b>

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	45
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	58
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>103</b>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	609
Temporarily Restricted	1,242
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,850</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,953</b>



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018  
(\$ thousands) *unaudited*

### SUPPORT & REVENUE

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total FY '18
Foundation*	\$51	\$1,055	\$1,105
Corporation	62	461	523
Government	35	—	35
Individual	258	—	258
Other NGOs	15	—	15
Registrations	160	—	160
Technical Assistance Fees	395	—	395
Membership Dues	60	—	60
Other Revenue	17	—	17
Releases from Restrictions	1,877	(1,877)	0
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>(361)</b>	<b>2,568</b>

### EXPENSES

Science & Policy	1,142	—	1,142
Leadership Development	477	—	477
Community Engagement**	806	—	806
<b>All Programs</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,425</b>
Fundraising	216	—	216
General & Admin	174	—	174
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,815</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>(361)</b>	<b>(246)</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>2,097</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$609</b>	<b>\$1,242</b>	<b>\$1,850</b>

\*FY2018 revenue includes an adjustment of two foundation grants totaling \$312,680 to the prior fiscal year based on auditor clarification of conditionality regarding multi-year payments.

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