

# WATER FORUM Timeline 1990 - 2024

**1990**

State Water Board states D-893 Flow Standard not adequate to protect Lower American River fish

**1993**

City and County establish the Water Forum

**1995**

Water Forum negotiations begin

**1999**

Achievement Award from California Water Policy Conference

**2000**

Water Forum Agreement signed with coequal objectives and 7 elements  
ACWA Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award  
U.S. EPA Region 9 Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award

**2001**

Lower American River Corridor Management Plan adopted  
League of California Cities Helen Putnam Award for Excellence

**2003**

Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award

**2004**

Water Forum and U.S. Dept. of the Interior sign Flow Standard agreement  
Harvard University Kennedy School of Government "Top 50" Programs in Innovations In American Government

**2005**

Water Forum, Reclamation and USFWS reach agreement on flow approach  
Water Forum releases State of the River report

**2006**

2006 Flow Standard Draft Tech Report issued (multi-agency)

**2007**

Reclamation begins voluntarily implementing 2006 Flow Standard  
Drought declared (2007-09): Coordinated regional drought response

**2008**

Gravel augmentation in Lower American River begins  
OCAP Biological Assessment released with Flow Standard flows  
Habitat Project at Lower Sunrise  
Habitat Project at Upper Sailor Bar

**2009**

NMFS releases OCAP Biological Opinion calling for Water Forum Flow Standard  
Habitat Project at Upper Sailor Bar

**2010**

Water Forum, NMFS, Reclamation define Flow Standard temperature management approach  
State Water Board releases list of Priority Streams (with American River in highest priority)  
Habitat Project at Lower Sailor Bar

**2011**

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**2012**

Water Forum develops Modified Flow Standard with NMFS temperature management  
Habitat Project at Lower Sailor Bar  
Drought declared (2012-16): Coordinated regional drought response

**2013**

Habitat Project at River Bend

**2014**

Water Forum hosts Dry Year Conference amid severe drought concerns  
Draft EIR for Flow Management Standard issued  
Habitat Project at Nimbus Basin

**2015**

Water Forum adopts update to the Modified Flow Management Standard for the Lower American River  
Water Forum receives Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for a second time  
AWRA Csallany Institutional Award for Exemplary Contributions to Water Resources Management

**2016**

Habitat Project at Sacramento Bar

**2017**

Advocates for the Modified Flow Management Standard in WaterFix hearings  
ECOS Environmentalist of the Year Award for habitat projects  
Cordova Creek Naturalization Project (Phase 1)  
Sacramento Environmental Commission Award for Cordova Creek Naturalization Project (Phase 1)

**2019**

Modified Flow Management Standard incorporated into the Biological Opinions  
Habitat Project at Upper Sailor Bar

**2020**

Water Forum marks its 20th anniversary with climate symposium and giant mural celebrating the Lower American River on the Sacramento County Administrative Building  
Water Forum 2050 negotiations begin  
Drought declared (2020-2022): Coordinated regional drought response

**2021**

Habitat Project at Ancil Hoffman Park  
Successfully advocates for cancelling the San Joaquin County water right application  
MOU signed with Reclamation for ongoing partnership and coordination

**2022**

Habitat Projects at Lower Sailor Bar and the Nimbus Basin  
Water Forum begins Dissolved Oxygen water quality monitoring on LAR

**2023**

Habitat Project at Upper River Bend

**2024**

Habitat Project at River Bend