



Welcome to the LA River California Environmental Flows Framework (CEFF) Technical Working Group (TWG)

Fact Sheet

What is CEFF?

CEFF is a framework for developing defensible environmental flow recommendations. It provides a structured decision-making process for addressing all goals for the waterbody while emphasizing ecological attributes.

The development of CEFF was funded by State Water Resources Control Board and designed by representatives of the SWRCB, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), scholars, and conservation organizations.

Although it does not establish, replace, or modify any specific agency requirements, CEFF is being put forth as the tool to use for determining environmental flow recommendations in California.

Why is an LA River CEFF needed?

Diverse management goals within the LA River watershed have resulted in numerous infrastructure, recreation, and restoration projects in development, under construction or recently completed. These projects are moving forward independently though each has the potential to affect, or be dependent on, future flows in the river.

Given the scale of these ongoing investments, we must attempt to identify flows recommendations consistent with all goals for the watershed and river. The integrated CEFF process provides a unique opportunity that has not been available before to work across disciplines to identify and fully consider both challenges and opportunities for achieving multiple goals and win-win solutions.

What is the LA River CEFF Technical Working Group (TWG)?

The purpose of the LAR CEFF TWG (approximately 30-40 member team) is to work with the project team to provide input and review of technical work products leading to environmental flow recommendations for the LA River. The time commitment beyond this first kick-off workshop will likely include up to 7 other meetings and technical input/review over the next 20 months. This work builds on prior work completed as part of the LAR Flows study by implementing the CEFF Framework developed by the SWRCB, CDFW, and UC Davis, among others.

What is the TWG role?

We recognize your life work and dedication to the evolving story of LA River and its watershed over the years. We need your voice and wealth of knowledge to move through the process of identifying management goals, structured decision-making, alternatives development, assessing tradeoffs and solutions that may achieve multiple goals for the river. As a TWG participant, you will guide decision making around the resulting environmental flow recommendations.

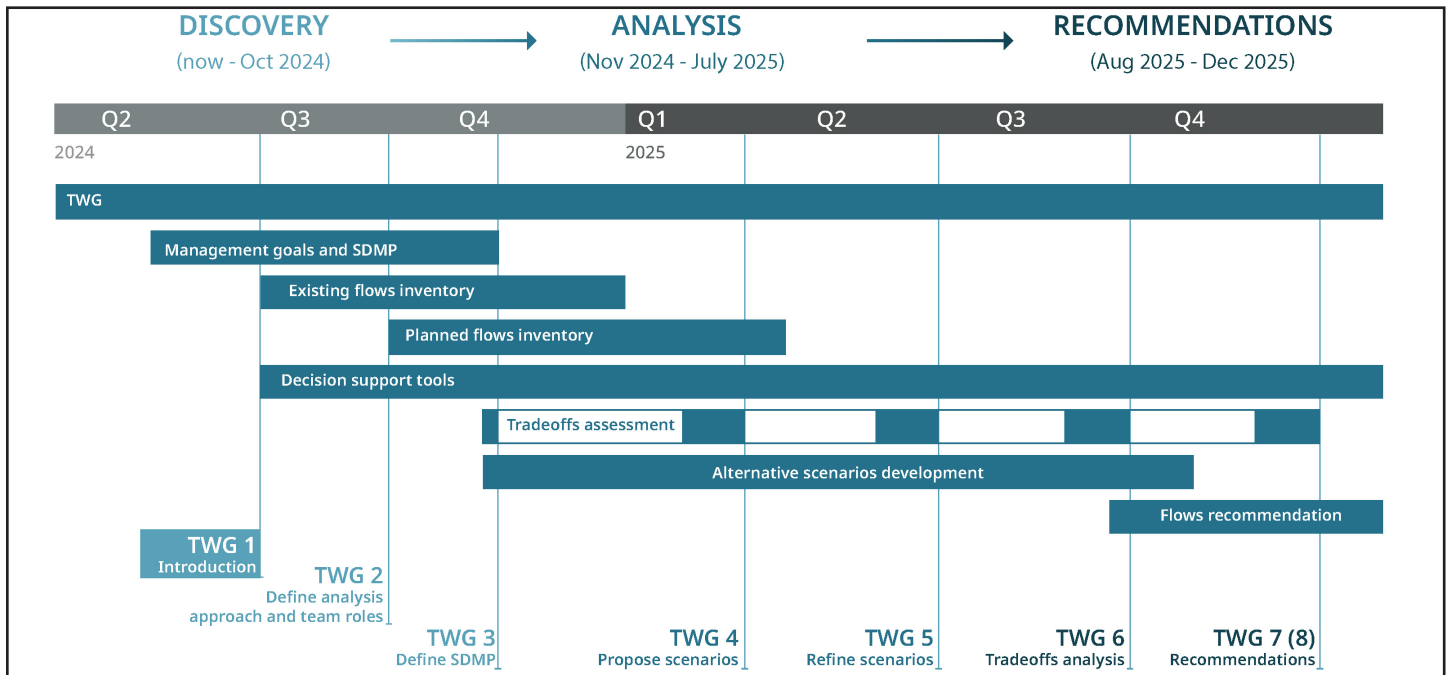


Management themes for the LA river and watershed

Expected CEFF outcome

A comprehensive flow recommendation that is built on infrastructure needs and supports LA River watershed ecosystems.

How long is the LAR CEFF process?



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