

Thad Bettner Joins the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors as its New Executive Director



The Board of Directors for the [Sacramento River Settlement Contractors](#) (SRSC) are pleased to announce that Thad Bettner has joined them as their new Executive Director.



In this new and exciting role, Thad will bring his knowledge and combination of leadership and technical skills to coordinate the SRSC and their various efforts to serve water for cities and rural communities, farms and ranches, National Wildlife Refuges, and Chinook salmon along the Sacramento River. Thad will continue to actively partner with federal and state agencies, various conservation organizations, Central Valley Project water contractors and water agencies throughout California, and he will continue to work closely with the [Northern California Water Association](#) and water resources managers in the Sacramento Valley. Please join us in welcoming Thad Bettner to this new role!

Thad has worked for water agencies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys and he has thirty-three years of experience with irrigation and water agencies on the local, state, and federal levels. From 2006 through 2023, Thad served as general manager of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) where he guided the district through critical water policy changes while improving the district's infrastructure and building, investing in partnerships, and leading the efforts for a science collaborative—the [Sacramento River Science Partnership](#).

Thad is a registered civil engineer and a recognized expert on issues of water and the environment bringing innovative solutions to historically challenging problems. He has served on the boards of the U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage, the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority, Colusa and Glenn groundwater authorities, and Chaired the Sites Reservoir Committee.

He has published several papers on agricultural water use efficiency and irrigation systems efficiencies. He holds a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

For Thad's personal story and podcast, see [Going with the Flow](#).

Sacramento River Settlement Contractors

The Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) is a partnership of 145 agricultural and municipal senior water rights holders in the Sacramento Valley that manages water resources for cities, rural communities, farms, fish and wildlife and their habitats. The Sacramento River Settlement Contractors include irrigation and reclamation districts, mutual water companies, partnerships, corporations, and individuals representing approximately 450,000 acres of irrigated agriculture in the western Sacramento Valley. For more information, see the [SRSC website](#); see the [Sacramento River Settlement Contractors are Good for California](#); or please watch [Changing the Current: A new approach for the Sacramento Valley](#).

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