



Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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NOTICE

DIVERSIONS FOR GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

On or before February 20, 2026, the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) may begin diversions from Comanche Creek at the location depicted in Figure 1, for a groundwater recharge pilot project in accordance with California Water Code section 1242.1 (CWC 1242.1).

CWC 1242.1 allows for the diversion of flood water for groundwater recharge while also reducing flood risks and impacts. Furthermore, California Governor's Executive Order N-16-25 encourages local agencies to provide these dual benefits of improved groundwater levels and flood management in specified counties, including Butte County. The Vina GSA is issuing this notice in its capacity as a local public agency, under authority of the State of California, in coordination and communication with Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation and other County departments, such as Public Works and Butte County Emergency Management. Implementation of this pilot recharge project using floodflows is consistent with Action 1.1 described in the Butte County Recharge Action Plan, adopted by the Butte County Board of Supervisors in 2024.

Ord Ferry Road and River Road are downstream of the identified diversion location and are prone to road closures and flood conditions when there is at least 2 inches of rain in the 5-day forecast at the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) [ORFC1 gage](#). An analysis of historic records of flooding downstream of the diversion point on Comanche Creek at Ord Ferry and River Road correlated with precipitation forecasts from CNRFC, determined that when at least 2-inches of precipitation falls over a 5-day period flooding is likely imminent. The current 5-day forecast shows 2.4 inches of rain at the CNRFC ORFC1 gage between February 18, 2026 and February 23, 2026. Because this threshold has been met, the Vina GSA has determined that flooding is likely imminent.

This floodflow diversion is expected to start shortly after 12:00 pm on February 20, 2026 and end after 24 hours or when observed flooding of roadways subsides. The Vina GSA will communicate the cessation of diversions via a notice posted to its website. The Vina GSA will divert floodflows utilizing temporary pumps, equipped with screens as required by CWC 1242.1(d), to adjacent farmland in the identified pilot area, where it will be applied for the purpose of groundwater recharge. Diverted water will be applied only to land that complies with the restrictions of CWC 1242.1(b), including actively cultivated agricultural fields.

Consistent with CWC 1242.1(f), no water right is claimed based on this diversion and recharge. Diverted water benefits the net groundwater balance of the Vina Subbasin.

In accordance with CWC 1242.1(g), the Vina GSA will file a Notice, Preliminary Report, and Final Report with the State Water Resources Control Board at FloodDiversion@waterboards.ca.gov, documenting the diversion including GPS coordinates, dates, maps, and estimated acre-feet diverted.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the Vina GSA at VinaGSA@gmail.com or (530) 552-3593.

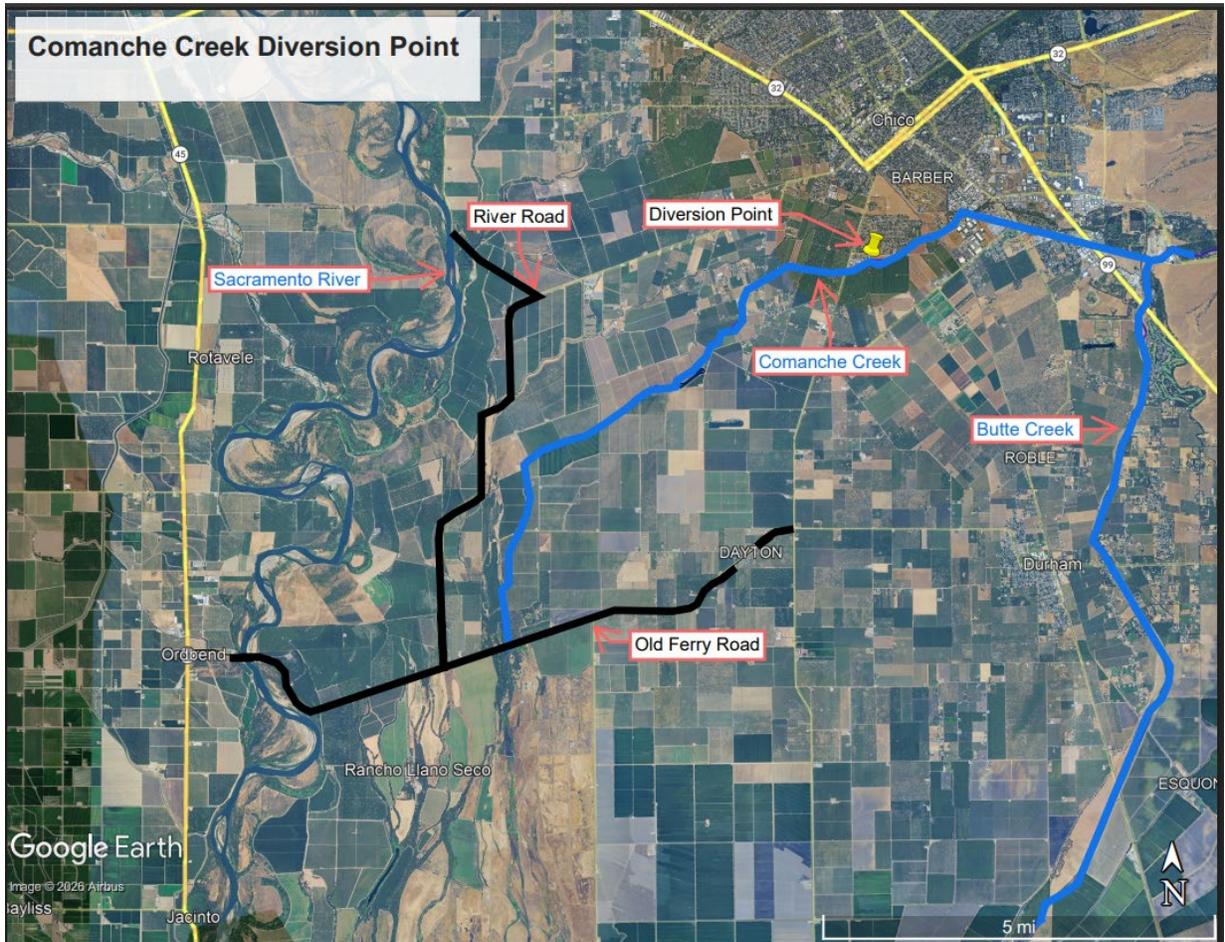


Figure 1: Map of Comanche Creek Pilot Project Area — showing point of diversion, Ord Ferry Road, River Road, and Comanche Creek