

## Presentation: Centennial Dam and Sustainable Water

Who: Otis Wollan, American River Watershed Institute, and Nick Wilcox, NID Director

What: Discussion - Centennial Reservoir Project and Sustainable Water Management

Where: Sierra College Multipurpose Center, 250 Sierra College Dr. **Grass Valley**

When: Tuesday February 9th at 6:30 to 7:30 pm; refreshments at 6:00 pm

The event is free and open to the public

Sierra Streams Institute and Sierra College, as part of the Science Speakers Series, will present a discussion about the Centennial Reservoir Project and Sustainable Water Management in the Sierra. Join local water experts Nick Wilcox (NID director) and Otis Wollan (President American River Watershed Institute, past director PCWA) for a discussion about water management. Two short presentations will be followed by a Q&A session.

Centennial Dam (aka Parker Dam) is planned for the Bear River. While this project will not directly impact the North Fork American, it will have major impacts on the region. The dam, proposed by Nevada Irrigation District (NID), will be located between Lake Combie and Rollins Lake. The dam will be larger than Rollins Lake and will put the Dog Bar Bridge and the Bear River Campground under approximately 150' of water. New roadways will need to be constructed which will most likely bring residents into Placer County via the Meadow Vista area.

For NID information go to: <http://nidwater.com/parker-dam-and-reservoir-project/>

For information from Stop Centennial Project go to:

<http://www.noparkerdam.com>

### Event Details

Come join regional water experts, Nick Wilcox and Otis Wollan, for an evening of discussion on water management in the Sierra. The topics of the presentations will include the proposed Centennial Dam, the future of water management in California, and the impacts of climate change in the Sierra. Two short presentations will be followed by a Q&A session. The event will be held on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2016, from 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Sierra College Multipurpose Center, 250 Sierra College Dr. Grass Valley. Come early for meet-and-greet and refreshments at 6:00.

### About the Presenters:

Otis Wollan will discuss the sustainable water future of California, considering climate change predictions and uncertainties in water management for the Sierra. He will take a hard look at our current water uses and future potential from the triple perspective of environmental costs/social inequities/economic realities. He will also reflect on demand and supply-side opportunities and the affordable demand/supply balance for the future. Otis Wollan has lived on the Bear River since 1972, with his partner Jane, of 48 years, and their three daughters, who are now all in their thirties with families of their own. Currently, Wollan serves as the President of the American River Watershed

Institute. Previously, he spent over twenty years with the Placer County Water Agency, where he was elected Director five times. He has been a consultant on facilitation/mediation, project management, and organizational development to local governments, nonprofits, and corporations for forty years. Wollan is also a certified Qigong instructor and River Guide.

Nick Wilcox- In this talk on the Centennial Dam, Nick will briefly review the history of NID and how the system works. He will then address how climate change is impacting District operations due to the loss of snowpack. Finally, he will discuss the proposed Centennial Dam project as an adaptive response to changing conditions, and the regulatory process and timeline behind the project. Nick Wilcox of Penn Valley, Nevada County, has served on the NID Board of Directors since 2008. He brings wide experiences in the water industry to his elected position. He is retired from the State Water Resources Control Board where he worked as a supervising Environmental Scientist in the Division of Water Rights, serving most recently as Chief of the Bay-Delta Unit. In this position, he participated in the promulgation and implementation of water quality objectives for the protection of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the San Francisco Bay Estuary.

This presentation is free, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The Nevada County Campus is located at 250 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Parking is \$3 on campus and permits can be purchased at the kiosk machine at the main entrance to the campus. For more information about this presentation and others in this series, contact the series coordinator, Jason Giuliani at: [jgiuliani@sierracollege.edu](mailto:jgiuliani@sierracollege.edu).