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Ron has worked on Central Valley flood management issues for thirty years. In recent years he has worked with the Sacramento Flood Control Agency to fashion floodwater management approaches in the Sacramento Region that could garner strong community and environmental support. During that time he served as a member of the Lower American River Task Force and a liaison to the National Research Council's Committee on Flood Control Alternatives to the American River Basin.

In recent years, Ron served on the California Floodplain Management Task Force, on advisory committees of the Corps/Reclamation Board Sacramento & San Joaquin Basins Comprehensive Study, and continues to serve on the Yuba Feather Workgroup. Ron has been a determined proponent of recognizing the inherent long term dangers of vulnerable floodplain developments in the Central Valley's large regional floodplains — hoping to persuade the Federal, State and local governments to adopt more realistic floodplain management policies that recognize the area's status as a floodplain and to encourage planning to reduce or eliminate damages and loss of life when inevitable flooding occurs.

Ron is also a member of the Sacramento Area Water Forum, a group of community leaders working to fashion water development approaches that protect the area's riverine environments (including the American River Parkway) while helping to satisfy developing community water supply infrastructure needs.

Before beginning his work on the American River for Friends of the River, he had primary responsibility for dam licensing and permitting proceedings (and associated legal and legislative policy initiatives) before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Ron received his Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Agriculture at the University of California at Davis in Plant Science. In his occasional spare time, Ron can be found ambling around mountain trails or floating western rivers with a hand lens and a large Flora in hand searching for rare wildflowers.