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Water rights data are a particularly important ingredient for understanding and improving our water system. But they are currently difficult or impossible to use for many kinds of decision making, because California still relies largely on paper records. California's existing Electronic Water Rights Information System (eWRIMS) is incompletely populated and lacks the functionality and interoperability with other platforms. Because of this and other shortcomings, stakeholders and State agencies have trouble understanding how much water is available at particular places and times—information that is central to basic water allocation decisions and to planning for changes in future water availability (Kiparsky et al 2021).
