



Strategies for the Future of Integrated Regional Water Management in California

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10 ACTIONS of the California Water Action Plan

1. Make conservation a California way of life.
2. Increase regional self-reliance and integrated water management across all levels of government.
3. Achieve the coequal goals for the Delta.
4. Protect and restore important ecosystems.
5. Manage and prepare for dry periods.
6. Expand water storage capacity and improve groundwater management.
7. Provide safe water for all communities.
8. Increase flood protection.
9. Increase operational and regulatory efficiency.
10. Identify sustainable and integrated financing opportunities.

Integrated Regional Water Management

*IRWM is rooted in the principle of
local and regional control*

*Local water managers working together, are
best suited and best positioned to
manage water resources in their region*

The plan is based on stakeholder input



Scoping exercises

Two rounds of public workshops

Assessment of existing conditions

Conference discussions

Interviews

What we learned early in the process...

There is a strong sense that the practice of IRWM has begun to plateau

IRWM may be unsustainable over the long term in some areas

What Does This Plan Do?

informs the California Legislature about suggested statutory changes needed to help sustain IRWM and informs the general public about the importance of IRWM and what is needed to ensure its future.

guides DWR's actions for improving its support of IRWM.

recommends alignment measures for government agencies at all levels to support IRWM.

identifies options for regional water management groups and local agencies to improve the practice of IRWM.

As the plan is currently conceived...

Embrace IRWM and Share its Values and Successes

Official Recognition — Information Sharing — Education

Align Government Programs and Regulatory Actions to Support IRWM

Alignment Planning and Support — Non-Regulatory Programs — Regulatory Programs

Strengthen Regional Governance, Capacity, and Practices

Regional Capacity Building Support — Regional Governance — Regional Practices

Enhance Regional Assistance

Customer Services Principles and Practices — IRWM Grant Program — Technical Support

Next...

- ✓ **Release as a public draft**
- ✓ **Public comment sessions (official announcement soon)**
- ✓ **Final plan**

Thank you!

For more information, please visit <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/stratplan/>