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Public Comment Period Extended On California Water Plan Update

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources has extended the public comment period on its five-year update of the California Water Plan through April 15, 1998.

Comments on the Water Plan update, also known as Bulletin 160-98, may be addressed to:

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The draft of Bulletin 160-98 was released in January and public hearings on the document were held throughout the state in February. The final edition of the Water Plan update will be printed later this year.

Bulletin 160-98 forecasts a serious water shortage in California early in the next century unless substantial water conservation and development measures are taken. The document also describes water conservation and development measures under way or being contemplated.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam

safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs. The State Water Project provides water to two-thirds of California's population.

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