

California Water Plan Accomplishments

The California Water Plan provides a framework for water managers, legislators, and the public to consider options and make decisions regarding California's water future. Update 2009 followed and refined strategic plan elements developed during the Update 2005 process and ultimately outlined 13 objectives and 115-plus related actions.

Content

Expanded Information - Update 2009 integrated information and strategies from other DWR water management efforts, particularly integrated flood management, environmental stewardship, drought planning, and climate change. Introduced in Update 2005, potential, plausible futures, called "scenarios," were further developed for Update 2009 and will continue as a water plan analytical tool in Update 2013. Additionally, detailed regional and statewide water portfolio data is now available for years 1998 - 2005.

Resource Management Strategies - Subject matter experts from different government agencies and private and public enterprises helped guide 27 resource management strategy (RMS) narratives. Strategy narratives include overviews, discussions of benefits, costs, and risks, and recommendations on how strategies can be implemented over the next 30 and 40 years. RMSs help diversify water management approaches in order to reach 6 intended outcomes: Reduce Water Demand, Improve Operational Efficiency and Transfers, Increase Water Supply, Improve Water Quality, Practice Resource Stewardship and Improve Flood Management.

Companion State Plans - Plans and programs by State departments and agencies that have a direct connection with the Water Plan were identified and used to develop and augment Water Plan content. A significant number of the 130 State plans informed parts of Update 2009, and 23 companion plans substantially informed the Water Plan process and are featured in Update 2009.

Regional Reports - 12 Booklets – one for each of the state's 10 hydrologic regions and 2 areas of interest (Delta and Mountain Counties Area) – address the following: Setting, Regional Water Conditions, Relationship with Other Regions, Regional Water and Flood Planning and Management, Future Scenarios, and Water Portfolios for water years 1998-2005.

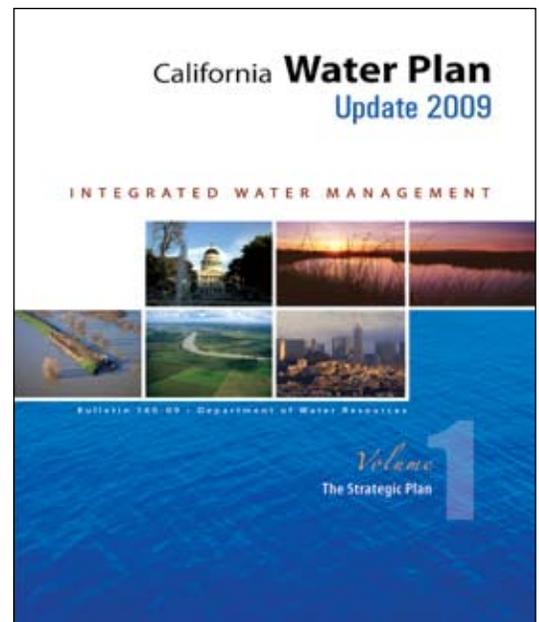
Collaboration

State Steering Committee - This 21-member oversight committee represents State agencies that have a role in California's water use and management. The committee strengthens the role of the Water Plan in statewide water management and provides leadership while accepting input from federal agencies.

Advisory Committee, Regional Forums, and Workshops - During its 60-month development, Update 2005 significantly expanded the collaboration process. Update 2009's accelerated 33-month process, including 147 meetings and 31,623 person hours, accomplished significantly more collaboration in a little more than half the time compared to 2005.

Outreach

Internet - Unprecedented use of the Internet provided public access to calendars, meeting agendas and materials, and five Water Plan drafts. An online database tracked and categorized 1,340 public review comments.



California Native American Tribes - Update 2009 process initiated even greater outreach to Tribes, which led to the formation of a Tribal Communication Committee and a Tribal Communication Plan. Efforts of the Water Plan also helped convene the first of its kind statewide California Tribal Water Summit in 2009.

California Water Plan Update 2013 Scoping

DWR recently completed the scoping process for the 2013 Update of the California Water Plan, which began in October 2009. The scoping process included nearly two dozen meetings and incorporated stakeholder input received during prior updates. Meetings were convened for the public, the Water Plan State Agency Steering Committee, the Public Advisory Committee and internal project teams. A public version of the Update 2013 Project Management Plan will be released in Fall 2010. This scoping process went well beyond pertinent California Water Code requirements, and it is expected to result in increased stakeholder support of the State's Water Plan as well as enhanced relevance to many local, State and federal resource management initiatives.

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