

Water Plan Update 2018

Chapter 3

Draft Content:

- State role in water management program delivery
- **Short-term actions to complete or initiate prior to Update 2023**

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Chapter 3 – June 14 Workshop

Themes of Feedback Received:

- Frame what is already being accomplished and what could be done above and beyond current activities
- Light top down/Heavy bottom up
- Be more specific on groundwater and include aquifers as green infrastructure
- Learn from IRWM and SGMA implementation

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Central to Chapter 3:

To make the vision of sustainable water resources management systems a statewide reality, most of the work must happen at local and regional scales.

A primary consideration in Update 2018 is how State government can support and empower water resources management planning and practices at the regional scale.

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Draft Recommended Actions

Key areas where State can improve foundation for water resources sustainability:

- Alignment/governance
- Regulatory framework
- Capacity building
- Modernization and rehabilitation of systems
- Funding

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Draft Recommended Actions

Improve Alignment of Agencies' Initiatives and Governance:

- Societal value legislation
- State agency alignment
- Regional sustainability planning outreach and recommendations
- Lead agency definition
- Tribal involvement in regional planning efforts
- State contracting with tribes

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Discussion:

- Are there any red flags, clarifications, or other suggested improvements to recommendations?
- What would you add or change to make the recommendations more translatable into new policy (i.e., more implementable)?
- What would you add or change to help ensure the recommendations address the most pressing needs (described in Chapter 2)?
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Improve Regulatory Framework to Reconcile Environmental Needs and Human Activities:

- Programmatic environmental compliance task force
- Ecosystem restoration project permitting
- Delegation of Federal permitting
- State cooperative agreements

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Provide Water Managers Resources, Knowledge, Skills, and Tools Needed for Data-Driven Decision-Making:

- Climate science and monitoring program
- Comprehensive water resources data collection and management program
- Watershed sustainability outlooks
- Thematic plans
- Planning alignment
- Statewide water storage program
- Regional engagement in update 2023
- State agency performance tracking and reporting
- Reporting requirements for State funding
- DAC planning support

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Modernize and Rehabilitate Water Resources Management Systems:

- Statewide water management system assessment program
- Statewide water infrastructure modernization and rehabilitation program
- Statewide water management system operations and maintenance assessment program
- Statewide O&M modernization program
- Statewide green infrastructure and working landscapes task force
- Integrated land use and water management implementation program

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Provide Sufficient and Sustainable Funding :

- Investment prioritization
- Remove funding barriers
- Investing in Water Resources Sustainability Task Force

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Next Steps:

- Consider feedback received during and after this meeting.
- Develop 90% draft for September 2017 Plenary.