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CA Water Plan Update 2018
Policy Advisory Committee Orientation Webinar

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Overview

1. Governor's Water Action Plan
2. Six most important intended outcomes
3. Alignment with of State initiatives
4. Filling the gaps
   - Define and contextualize sustainability
   - Progress tracking
5. Overcoming four barriers
6. Key features
7. Anatomy of a State Water Finance Plan
8. Compounding value

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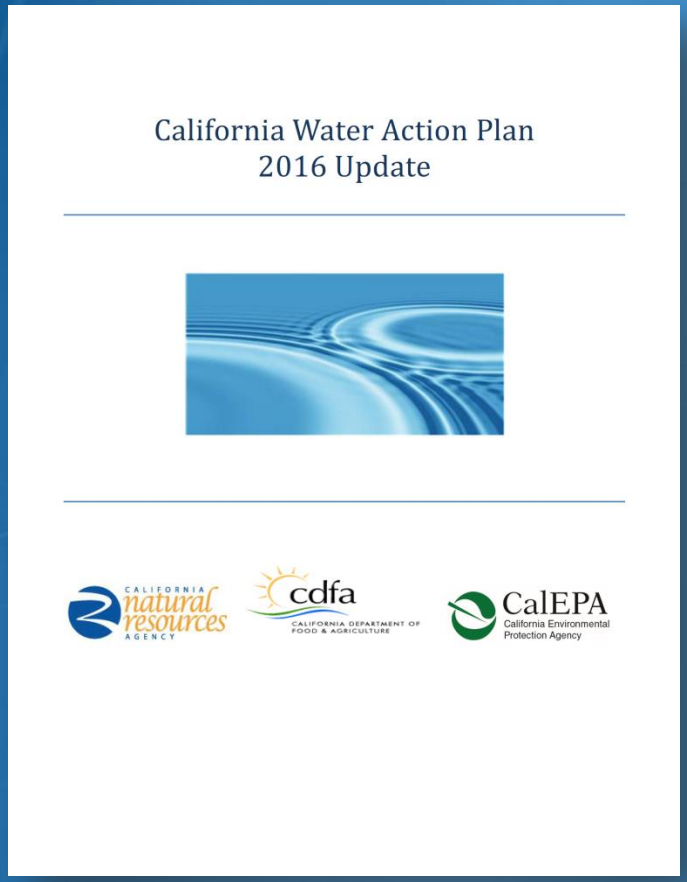
Governor's Water Action Plan



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Action 10 Governor's Water Action Plan

Recognizes:

Finance complexities

Inadequate base budgets

Need for State alignment behind common outcomes

Need to pivot from reactionary to proactive

Prioritization is critical

Need to cultivate stable reliable sources of funding

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Action 10 of Governor's Water Action Plan

Calls for:

Removal of barriers to local and State funding [of water management]

Development of a water financing strategy

Analysis of user and polluter fees

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Intended Outcomes

1. **Put California on a trajectory toward sustainability**
2. **Enhance effectiveness of policy and investment**
3. **Track progress toward sustainability**

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Specific Outcomes

4. **Prepare 5-year policy and investment strategy**

5. **Provide a finance plan for stable funding**

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Aligning With Other State Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Proposition 1

Governor's Drought Executive Orders

Alignment of State Plans & Initiatives

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More Must be Done

Flood Risk

Unreliable water supplies

Continued depletion and degradation of groundwater resources

Habitat and species declines

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Defining Sustainability

Sustainability is dynamic (journey not a destination)

- **Path toward sustainability is not paved with project-scale tweaks to the current system**
- **We must dispel notion that there are a handful of "problems" that can be "solved"**
- **Progress must be continuously tracked and course-corrected**

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Defining Sustainability

Water sustainability is a dynamic balance among:

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Barriers to Sustainability

Shared Intent/Understanding of Sustainability

Governance

Finance

Regulations and Permitting Statutory Framework (e.g., single species mgmt.)

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Key Features

Greater effectiveness of State [water] **investment and policy**

- **Alignment of water initiatives within a prioritized 5-year State water policy and investment strategy and finance plan**
- **Clear articulation of societal values, intended outcomes (shared intent)**
- **Structured and consistent prioritization method**
- **Practical ways to measure progress**

Anatomy of a Finance Plan

1. **Shared Intended Outcomes**
2. **Policy and Actions Assessments**
3. **Existing Funding**
4. **Funding Gaps**
5. **State Roles and Partnerships**
6. **Funding Demands**
7. **Effective Funding Mechanisms**
8. **Return on Investments**

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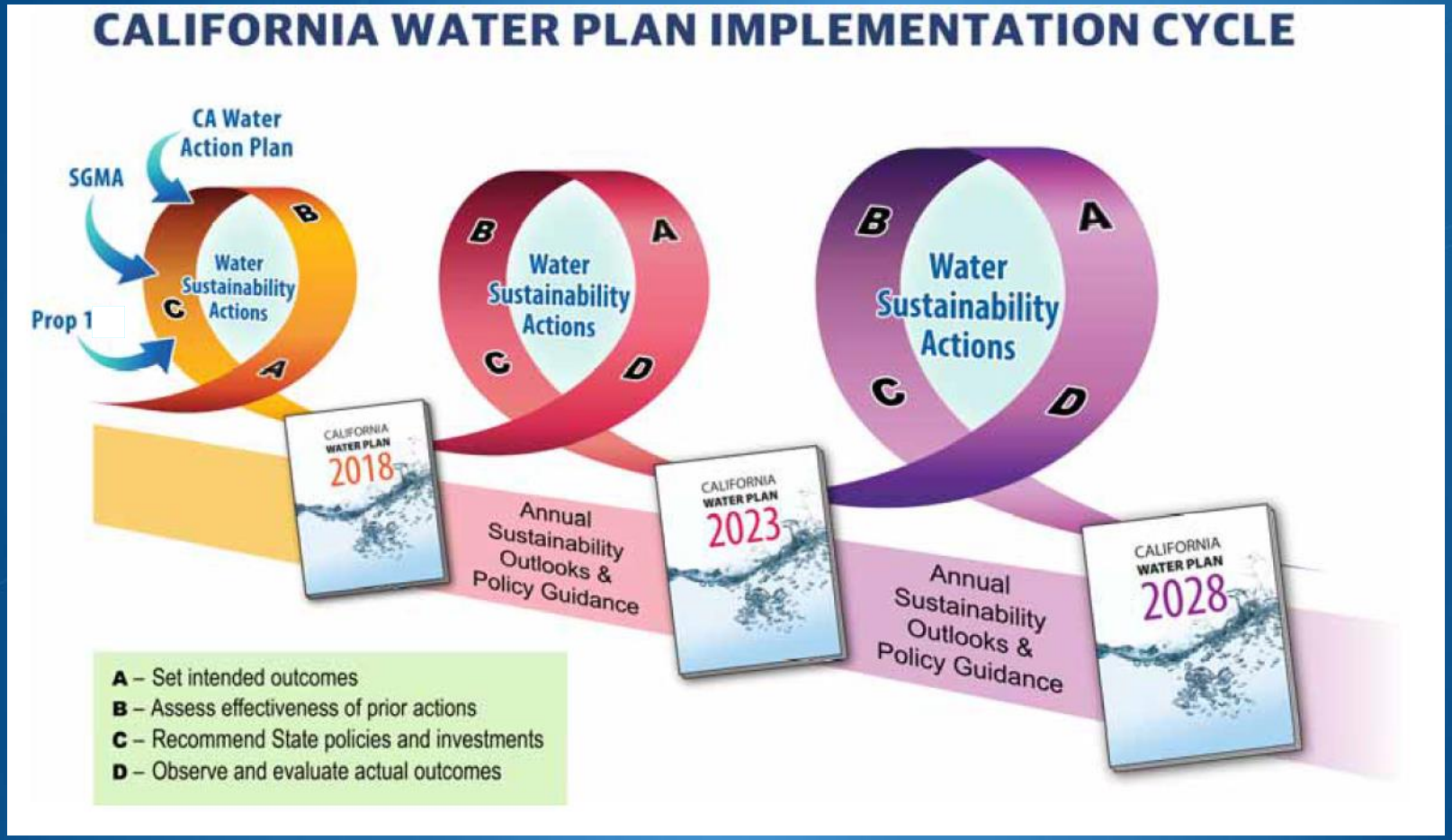
Value of Approach Compounds Over time