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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.



California Water Plan Update 2009 released

Today, the California Department of Water Resources released the California Water Plan Update 2009 -- a product of four years of collaboration. It's a water plan for the entire state and is available online.

Integrated water management and sustainability is the thread of continuity throughout Update 2009. It gives all Californians a new direction for water decisions about such challenges as threatened ecosystems, the uncertainties of climate change and a rising sea level, and population growth.

It spells out the urgencies that demand

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action, such as dealing with longer and more pronounced droughts, increased flood risk, threats to the environment, impaired water bodies, and aging infrastructure. Update 2009 also introduces new water planning methods with the use of scenarios and response packages while evaluating the effects of future climate change.

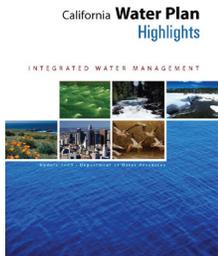
The Water Plan came from a steering committee representing 21 State agencies, a 45-member public advisory committee, nearly 40 regional workshops held around the state, about 150 meetings with more than 26,500 person-hours of conversations about our water.

Update 2009 is the State's blueprint for sustainability and integrated water management and marks a significant new chapter in the way California manages its water resources.



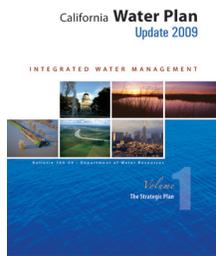
Secretary's Message

Secretary of California Natural Resources Agency Lester Snow delivers his message about Update 2009.



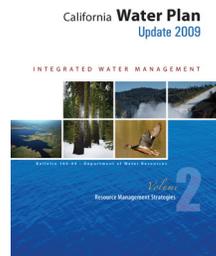
Highlights booklet

The Highlights section of Update 2009 provides an easy-to-read overview of the document.



Strategic Plan, Volume 1

Update 2009 includes a strategic plan with a vision, mission, goals, recommendations, and implementation plan.



Resource Management Strategies, Volume 2

Think of these strategies as tools in a tool kit. There are nearly 30 strategies for attaining integrated water management.



Director's Message

Director of California Department of Water Resources Mark Cowin writes the foreword to Update 2009.

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