

Proposed Text for Strategic Plan Elements California Water Plan Update 2009

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Vision	The vision statement describes the desired future for California water resources & management and serves as a foundation for water and flood planning during the planning horizon.	California has integrated water resource management systems that enhance public health, safety, and quality of life in all its communities; that sustain economic growth, business vitality, and the agricultural industry; and that protect and restore its unique biological diversity, ecological values, and cultural heritage .
Mission	The mission statement describes the water plan's unique purpose and its overarching reason for existence. It identifies what it should do and why, and for whom it does it.	<p>Updating the California Water Plan provides State, federal, tribal, regional, and local governments and organizations a continuous strategic planning forum to collaboratively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate current and future water challenges and opportunities; • Recommend strategic goals and objectives, and near-term actions to conserve, manage, and develop water resources and systems, and related resources to ensure adequate, reliable, secure, affordable, and sustainable water supplies of suitable quality for beneficial uses; and • Prepare response plans for floods, droughts, and other catastrophic events that would threaten water resources and water systems, the environment, property, and the health, welfare and livelihood of the people of California.
Goals	The goals are the desired outcome of the water plan over its planning horizon. The goals are founded on the statewide vision. Meeting the goals requires coordination among State, federal, tribal, and local governments and agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State government supports long-range, integrated water resources planning and management through leadership, oversight, and public funding. • Regional partnerships have, a central role in California water resources planning, sustainable water management, and increasing regional self-sufficiency. • Water resources planning and management, together with land use planning for urban and rural development, protect, preserve, and enhance watersheds, communities, and environmental and agricultural resources. • Natural resource and land use planners make informed and collaborative decisions to integrate water supply, water conservation, water quality, flood management, and environmental stewardship in light of climate and other drivers of change. • Integrated flood management, as part of integrated water resources management, increases flood protection, improves preparedness and emergency response, enhances floodplain ecosystems, and promotes sustainable flood management systems. • The benefits and consequences of water decisions and access to State government

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Guiding Principles	The guiding principles describe the core values and philosophies that dictate how to achieve the vision, mission and goals. In other words, the guiding principles will describe how to make decisions and do business.	resources are equitable across all communities.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a broad, stakeholder-based, long-term perspective to (1) promote multi-objective planning with a regional focus, (2) coordinate local, regional, inter-regional, and statewide initiatives, (3) recognize distinct regional problems, resources, and assets, and (4) emphasize long-term planning (30-50 year planning horizon). • Determine values for economic, environmental and social benefits, costs, and tradeoffs. Evaluate programs and projects recognizing economic growth, environmental quality, and social equity as co-equal objectives. When comparing alternatives, determine the value of potential economic, environmental, and social benefits, beneficiaries, costs, and tradeoffs. Include a plan that avoids, minimizes, and mitigates for adverse impacts. • Promote sustainable resource management. Wisely use natural resources to ensure their availability for future generations. Promote activities with the greatest multiple benefits regionally and statewide. Consider the interrelationship between water supplies, water conservation, water quality, water infrastructure, flood protection, energy, recreation, land use, economic prosperity, and environmental stewardship on a watershed or ecosystem basis. • Incorporate future variability, uncertainties, and risk in the decision-making process. Use multiple future scenarios to consider drivers of change and emerging conditions, such as population growth and climate change, when making planning, management, and policy decisions. • Use the longstanding constitutional principles of reasonable use and public trust as the foundation for public policymaking, planning, and management decisions on California water resources. Recognize that certain natural resources including water, tide and submerged lands, the beds and banks of navigable rivers, and fish and wildlife resources are owned by the public and held in trust for present and future generations of Californians. Applying the twin principles of reasonable use and public trust provides s water for future generations while protecting ecosystem values. • Increase regional self-sufficiency. Implement resource management strategies that reduce dependence on long-term imports of water from other hydrologic regions, particularly during times of limited supply such as a drought or interrupted supply after a catastrophic event, such as an earthquake. As part of a diverse water portfolio, short-term water transfers between regions that are environmentally, economically, and socially sound, can help increase regional self-sufficiency overall. 	<p>Deleted: emphasize both</p> <p>Deleted: and</p> <p>Deleted: and</p> <p>Deleted: Identify broad</p> <p>Deleted: D</p> <p>Deleted:</p> <p>Deleted: to</p> <p>Deleted: for the entire region</p> <p>Deleted: c</p> <p>Deleted: ing</p> <p>Deleted: regional</p> <p>Deleted: the</p> <p>Deleted: about</p> <p>Deleted: maintaining</p> <p>Deleted: other</p> <p>Deleted: an</p> <p>Deleted: and</p> <p>Deleted: like</p> <p>Deleted: S</p> <p>Deleted: 060508</p> <p>Formatted: Font: Bold</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase regional drought and flood preparedness. Evaluate and implement strategies that reduce the impacts of droughts and floods in the region. In California, drought contingency planning and integrated flood management are important components of regional water planning. • Promote environmental justice - the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes. State-sponsored or public-funded resource management projects must include meaningful community participation in decision-making, and consider factors like community demographics, potential or actual adverse health or environmental impacts, and benefits and burdens of the project on stakeholder groups. • Promote regional coordination and collaboration among local agencies, organizations and governments, and tribal governments and tribal communities, particularly those that are involved in activities that might affect the long-term sustainability of water supply, water quality, and flood protection within the region. Regional planning should include a public review process with open and transparent decision-making and substantive tribal consultation, as well as education and outreach for the public, tribes, stakeholders, and decision-makers. • Use science, best data, and local and indigenous peoples' knowledge in a transparent and documented process. When appropriate and possible, use data, information, planning methods, and analytical techniques that have undergone scientific review.
<u>Objectives</u>	<p><u>The objectives are specific and measurable targets for accomplishing a goal. They mark interim steps toward achieving the mission and goals. The objectives are measurable, time-based statements of intent, linked directly to the goals. They emphasize the results of actions at the end of a specific</u></p>	<p><u>Developing objectives for Update 2009 will commence in spring 2008.</u></p>

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<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>The Water Plan's <u>recommendations describe changes needed to reduce or eliminate constraints and impediments, or to harness opportunities, to help achieve the actions, objectives, goals, and vision.</u></p> <p>The recommendations are <u>directed at decision-makers throughout California, the executive and legislative branches of State government, and/or DWR and other State agencies.</u></p> <p>The recommendations are as varied as the constraints they <u>are intended to change --- institutional, legal, knowledge, information, skills/capacity, resources, funding, schedule, public awareness, etc.</u></p> <p><u>More specific actions may be specified for each recommendation in the Implementation Plan.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Developing recommendations for Update 2009 will commence in spring 2008.</i></p>

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