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<b>Vision</b>	The vision statement describes the desired future for California water resources and management and serves as a foundation for water and flood planning during the planning horizon.	California's <u>integrated</u> water resource management <u>systems</u> <del>preserves and enhances</del> public health, <u>safety</u> , and <del>the standard of living</del> <u>quality of life for Californians</u> <del>all communities</del> ; <u>strengthens</u> <u>sustain</u> economic growth, business vitality, and the agricultural industry; and <del>restores and protects</del> California's unique environmental diversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include more explicit reference to flood protection &amp; management</li> <li>• Water should be affordable for all communities</li> </ul>
<b>Mission</b>	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.	<del>To develop a strategic plan that</del> <u>Guide and raise awareness among State, federal, tribal, local, and regional entities in to collaboratively planning, developing, and managing water and related resources for adequate, reliable, secure, affordable, and sustainable water supplies of suitable quality for all-uses that are beneficial uses ;and to prepare responses to catastrophic events that threaten water resources and systems, the environment, property, and people.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include more explicit reference to flood protection &amp; management</li> <li>• Include water education</li> </ul>
<b>Goals</b>	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"> <li>• State government supports <del>good</del> <u>long-range, integrated</u> water <u>resources</u> planning and management through leadership, oversight, and public funding.</li> <li>• Regional efforts play a central role in California water <u>resources</u> planning and management.</li> <li>• Water <del>planning and</del> <u>resources management, together with urban and rural</u> development, protect, preserve, and enhance <u>watersheds, communities, and environmental and agricultural resources.</u></li> <li>• Natural resource and land use planners make informed <u>and collaborative decisions to integrate water supply, water quality, and flood management decisions.</u></li> <li>• <u>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.</u></li> <li>• <u>The outcomes of water decisions and access to State government</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include more explicit reference to flood protection &amp; management</li> <li>• Include reference to the need to plan for future uncertainty &amp; risk</li> </ul>

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<b>Guiding Principles</b>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use a broad, stakeholder-based, long-term perspective.</b> <del>Use a comprehensive stakeholder-based planning process to</del> (1) promote multi-objective planning with a regional focus, (2) emphasize both local and regional initiatives, (3) recognize distinct regional problems and resources, and (4) emphasize long-term planning (30-50 year planning horizon).</li> <li>• <b>Identify broad benefits, costs, and tradeoffs.</b> Evaluate programs and projects recognizing economic growth, environmental quality, and social equity as co-equal objectives. <del>Based on this comprehensive assessment,</del> Determine potential economic, environmental, and social benefits, beneficiaries, costs, and tradeoffs. <del>and</del> Include a plan to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for adverse impacts.</li> <li>• <b>Promote sustainable resource management.</b> <del>Promote the</del> <u>Wisely use of all natural resources to ensure their availability for future generations. This can be done by promoting</u> <del>Promote</del> activities with the greatest <u>multiple</u> benefits for the entire region, <del>and activities that considering</del> the interrelationship between regional water supplies, water quality, water infrastructure, flood protection, <u>energy</u>, recreation, land use, economic prosperity, and the environment.</li> <li>• <b>Incorporate future variability, uncertainties, and risk in the decision-making process.</b> <u>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.</u></li> <li>• <b>Use the longstanding constitutional principles of reasonable use and public trust</b> as the foundation for public policymaking and management decisions about California water resources. <u>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 provide water for future generations</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include more explicit reference to flood protection &amp; management</li> <li>• Include reference to need to use best information on climate change and preparedness planning</li> <li>• Include reference to the need to plan for future uncertainty &amp; risk, including climate change</li> <li>• Make explicit reference to tribal participation</li> <li>• Recognize principles of reasonable use and public trust</li> </ul>

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		<p><u>while maintaining other ecosystem values.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increase regional self-sufficiency.</b> <del>Increase regional self-sufficiency by considering implementing activities</del> <u>resource management strategies that reduce the need to dependence on long-term imports of water from another hydrologic region, and particularly during times of limited supply availability such as during a drought or interrupted supply after a catastrophic event like 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.</u></li> <li>• <b>Increase regional drought and flood preparedness.</b> Evaluate and implement strategies that <del>among other benefits would reduce the impacts of droughts and floods in the region. In California, drought contingency planning and integrated flood management are is an important components</del> of regional water planning. <del>Examples of such strategies include water use efficiency and recycled municipal water, system reoperation, conjunctive management and groundwater storage, surface storage (CALFED and regional), and ocean and brackish water desalination.</del></li> <li>• <b>Promote environmental justice - the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes.</b> <del>Projects sponsored by or partnered with the State, or using public funds must promote environmental justice with respect to the development, funding and implementation of resource management projects. 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.</del></li> <li>• <b>Promote regional coordination and collaboration among local agencies and governments, and tribal governments and tribal communities</b> <del>Promote and improve coordination and collaboration among local agencies and governments within a region, particularly those that are involved in activities that might affect the long-term</del></li> </ul>	

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		<p>sustainability of water supply, <del>and</del> water quality, <u>and flood protection</u> within the region. Regional planning should include a public review process with open and transparent decision-making <u>and substantive tribal consultation</u>, as well as education and outreach for <u>the public, tribes, stakeholders, and decision-makers.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Use <del>sound science, best data, and local</del> <u>and indigenous peoples' knowledge in a transparent and documented process.</u> Use the <del>best available data and information and,</del> When <u>appropriate and possible</u>, use <u>data, information, planning methods, and analytical techniques</u> that have undergone scientific review.</b></li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Recommendations</b></p>	<p>The Water Plan's recommendations serve as specific objectives for achieving the goals, directed at decision-makers throughout California, the executive and legislative branches of State government, and DWR and other State agencies. A more specific action plan for each recommendation will be presented in the Implementation Plan.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Developing recommendations for Update 2009 will commence in spring 2008.</i></p>	