

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 and management and serves as a foundation for water and flood planning during the planning horizon.	California's integrated water resource management systems enhance public health, safety, and quality of life for all communities; sustain economic growth, business vitality, and the agricultural industry; and restore and protect California's unique environmental diversity.
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.	Guide and raise awareness among State, federal, tribal, local, and regional entities to collaboratively plan, develop, and manage water and related resources for adequate, reliable, secure, affordable, and sustainable water supplies of suitable quality for uses that are beneficial; and to prepare responses to catastrophic events that threaten water resources and systems, the environment, property, and people.
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 efforts play a central role in California water resources planning and management. • Water resources management, together with 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 quality, and flood management. • 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 outcomes of water decisions and access to State government resources are equitable across all communities.

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Guiding Principles	<p>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.</p>	<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) emphasize both local and regional initiatives, (3) recognize distinct regional problems and resources, and (4) emphasize long-term planning (30-50 year planning horizon). • Identify broad benefits, costs, and tradeoffs. Evaluate programs and projects recognizing economic growth, environmental quality, and social equity as co-equal objectives. Determine potential economic, environmental, and social benefits, beneficiaries, costs, and tradeoffs. Include a plan to avoid, minimize, and mitigate 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 for the entire region considering the interrelationship between regional water supplies, water quality, water infrastructure, flood protection, energy, recreation, land use, economic prosperity, and the environment. • 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 and management decisions about 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 provide water for future generations while maintaining other ecosystem values. • Increase regional self-sufficiency. Implement resource management strategies that reduce dependence on long-term imports of water from another hydrologic region, and particularly during times of limited supply such as 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. • Increase regional drought and flood preparedness. Evaluate and implement strategies that reduce the impacts of droughts and floods in the region. In California,

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		<p>drought contingency planning and integrated flood management are important components of regional water planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.
Recommendations	<p>The Water Plan's recommendations serve as 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>