

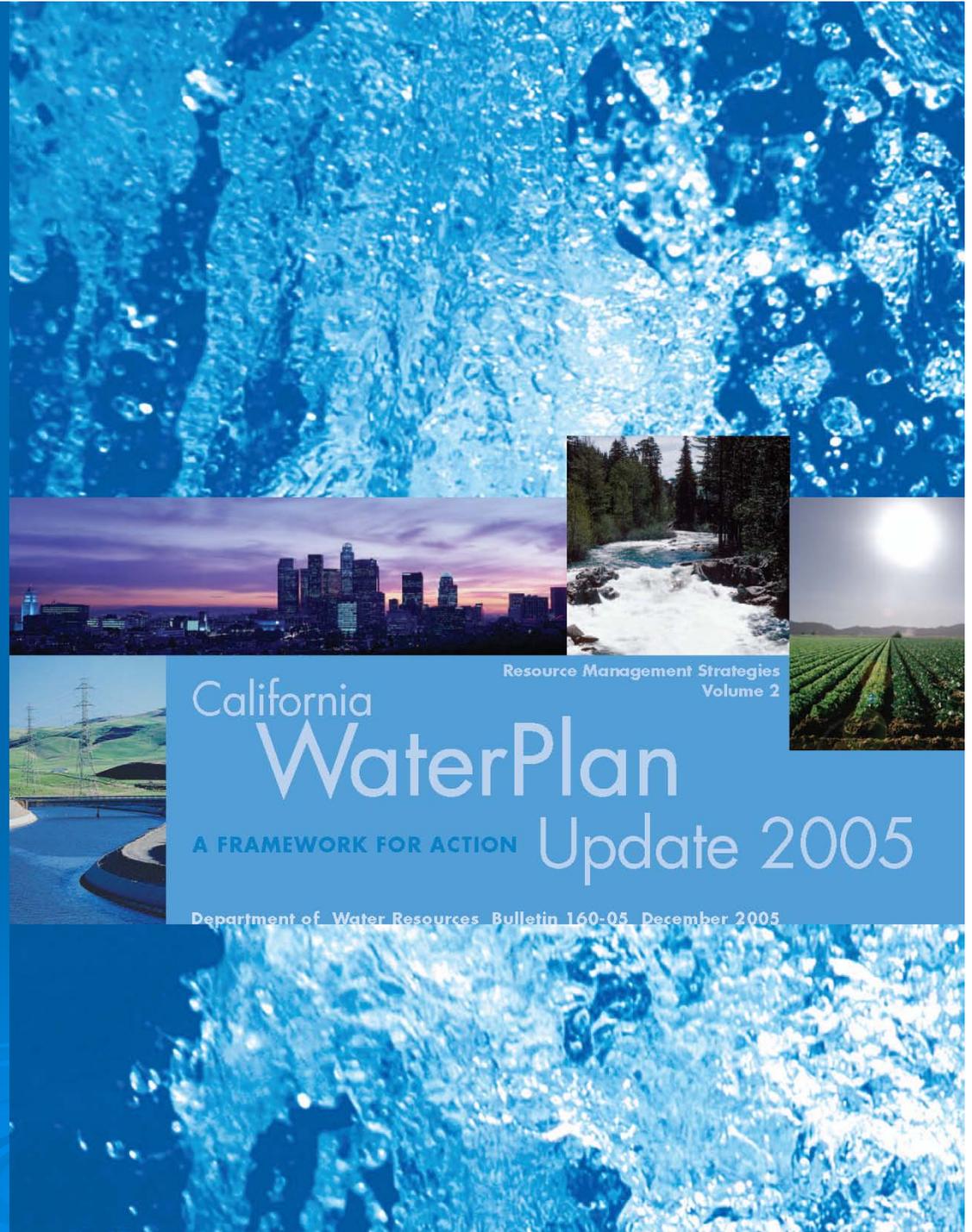
California Water Plan Update 2009

Mountain Counties Regional Report

Round 1 Comments and Revised Outline

2008 Regional Workshops

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Round 1 Workshop Comments – Water Plan

- **Coordinate with other agencies & regulatory permitting**
 - recognize multi-stakeholder efforts, clarify terms, streamline approvals
- **Focus on linkages between inter-regional issues**
 - recommend self-sufficiency in all regions, address transfers, planning & water agency coordination on growth & resource needs, protection of water rights, endangered species, funding, water quality standards.
- **Address risks & maximize water systems flexibility**
 - climate change (decreased snowpack, earlier snowmelt, increased runoff peaks), flood risks, reservoir & floodplain management, drought protection, catastrophic fire & impacts, aging infrastructure
- **Emphasize key strategies and linkages**
 - increase water supply & reliability, address area of origin water rights, improve/preserve water quality at the source, promote conservation & recycling, evaluate new storage & reoperation, recharge & conjunctive use, promote consistent re-use regulations, coordinate flood control & supply
- **Prioritize implementation of Water Plan**
 - support funding for rural water systems & upkeep, prioritize multi-beneficiary interregional projects

Round 1 Workshop Comments – Region Report

➤ Describe physical setting & water conditions

- watershed & ecosystem, public lands & fire management, growth & carrying capacity
- supply reliability, geology & groundwater, water rights, flood control, water use, wastewater & recycled water, hydroelectric, water quality, infrastructure

➤ Describe unique challenges & accomplishments

- disconnect between Mountain Counties watershed contributions to state & limited access to funding, inter-state issues, regulatory conflicts, species protection
- IRWM Plan case studies, multi-agency coordination, hydroelectric license renewals, completed water projects & conservation measures

➤ Study regional scenarios

- worst-case drought, reduced snowpack, meadow restoration

➤ Develop regional management strategies & actions

- multi-objective reservoir reoperation, smaller storage projects, link land use & water supply, conservation, link wastewater treatment & water supply, recreation

➤ Support funding for Mountain Counties area

- support area of origin's stewardship, quantify watershed value (environment, supply, fire safety, downstream benefits), consider multiple beneficiaries & cumulative impacts

Regional Reports Outline Changes

In response to the feedback we've received, the new regional reports will be:

- Broader in scope (including flood management and other new topics),
- More collaborative (with more contributions from regional water interests and other state agencies), and
- Emphasizing integrated regional planning, with the setting & current water condition information providing a background for discussing current & future regional water issues

Regional Reports Table of Contents

- **Setting** – background factors
- **Regional Water Conditions** – current status of water resources, water quality, flood protection, and water governance
- **Relationship with Other Regions** – if and how a region is affected by, or affects, other regions
- **Regional Water and Flood Planning and Management** – status of Integrated Regional Water Management and other regional/local plans
- **Looking to the Future** – regional response strategies
- **Water Portfolios for 1998-2005** – water supply & use balances showing – regional water uses, local & imported supply sources, and water to other regions
- **Selected References** – information supporting the narrative