

California at 50 Million: 2013 Environmental Goals and Policy Report

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Outline

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- ▶ Previous EGPRs
- ▶ California at 50 million: 2013 EGPR
 - ▶ Context
 - ▶ Goals framework
- ▶ Elements of the EGPR
- ▶ Timeline



EGPR Requirements

- ▶ OPR is required by state law to prepare, maintain, and regularly review an Environmental Goals and Policy Report (EGPR). According to state statute, the EGPR must:
 - ▶ Take a long-term perspective (20 – 30 years).
 - ▶ Include an overview of approved state environmental goals and objectives
 - ▶ Be consistent with the state's planning priorities as defined by Assembly Bill (AB) 857 (Wiggins, 2002), and
 - ▶ Incorporate the recommendations of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council (PAAC), which is appointed by the OPR director.



AB 857: State Planning Priorities

- ▶ Encourage infill development and responsible reuse and redevelopment by rehabilitating, maintaining, and improving existing infrastructure.
- ▶ Preserve valuable natural resources, including working landscapes, high quality agricultural lands, and natural lands that have wildlife, recreational, and cultural values and uses.
- ▶ Ensure that new development that is not infill uses land efficiently, is in areas appropriately identified for development, is adjacent to other developed areas, is in served by adequate infrastructure, and minimizes costs to taxpayers.

Government Code Section 65041.1



Earlier EGPRs

- ▶ **1972 EGPR (Reagan)**
 - ▶ First-ever EGPR
 - ▶ Focus on governance
- ▶ **1978 Urban Strategy (Brown)**
 - ▶ Action plan for revitalizing urban areas
 - ▶ Only EGPR completed and adopted
- ▶ **2003/04 EGPR (Davis)**
 - ▶ Drafted, never adopted



1978: An Urban Strategy for California

- ▶ **Overarching goal: develop urban areas that are exciting, safe places to live**
- ▶ **Outlines a set of 45 actions in three areas:**
 1. Improve existing housing and encourage new urban development
 2. Improve social and economic conditions
 3. Resolve interjurisdictional conflicts



The 2012 EGPR: California at 50 Million

- ▶ **Some similar challenges**

- ▶ Pressures of growth
- ▶ Environmental degradation and growing environmental concern

- ▶ **Some key differences**

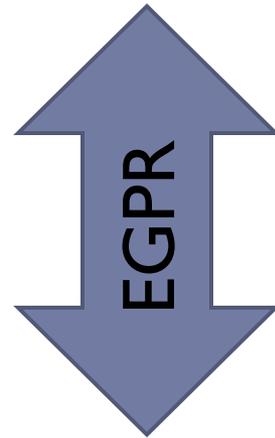
- ▶ Framework of environmental laws and regulations
- ▶ Demographic shifts



The 2012 Model

State Environmental Goals

Climate (AB 32, SB 375, resilience), Energy, Water, Air...



Long-term planning decisions

Land Use, Transportation, Education, Infrastructure,
Housing...



Goals for the EGPR

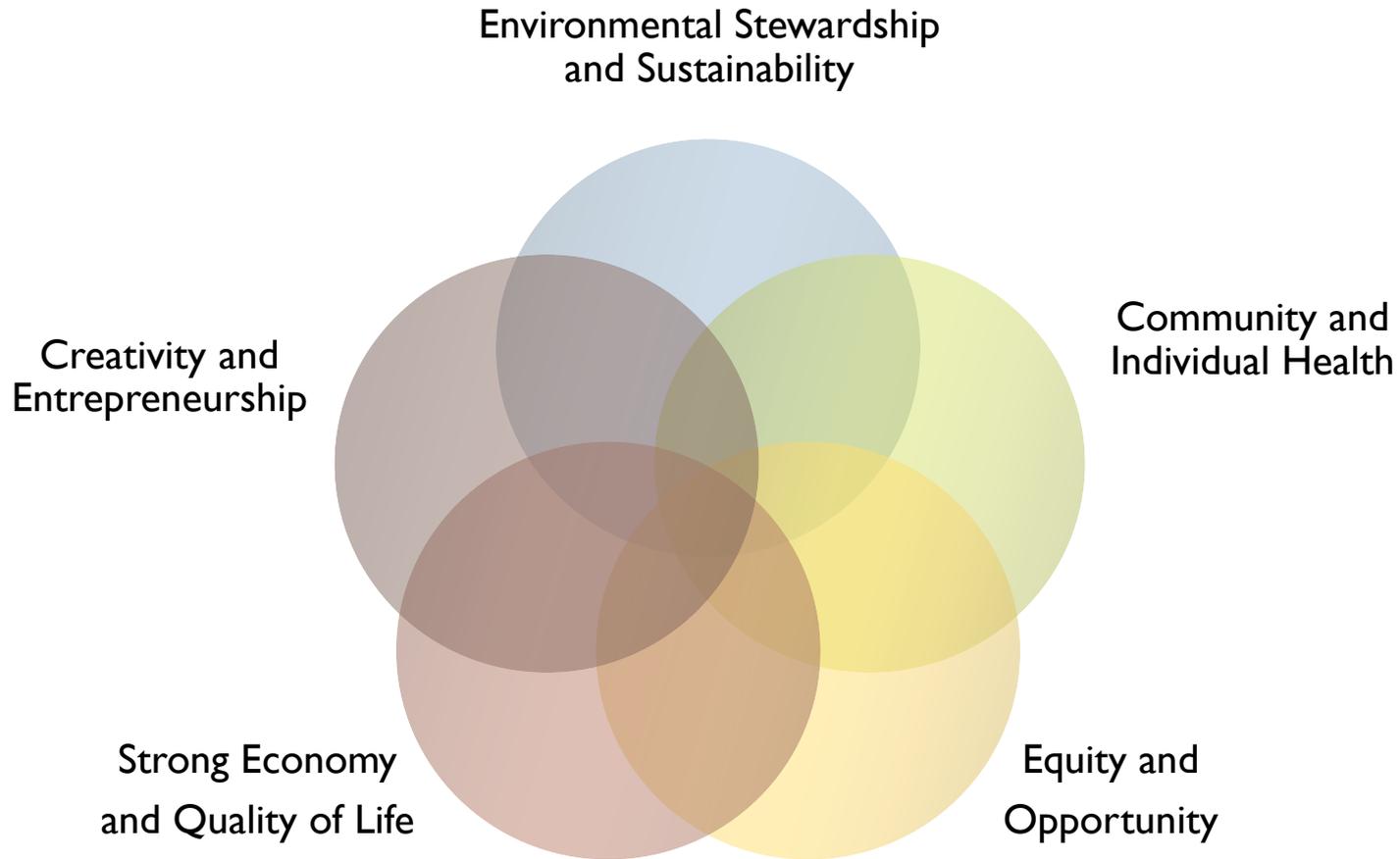
- ▶ Create an EGPR that is:

- ▶ Aspirational and forward-looking
- ▶ Engaging and interactive
- ▶ Broad and inclusive – topically, geographically, economically, etc.

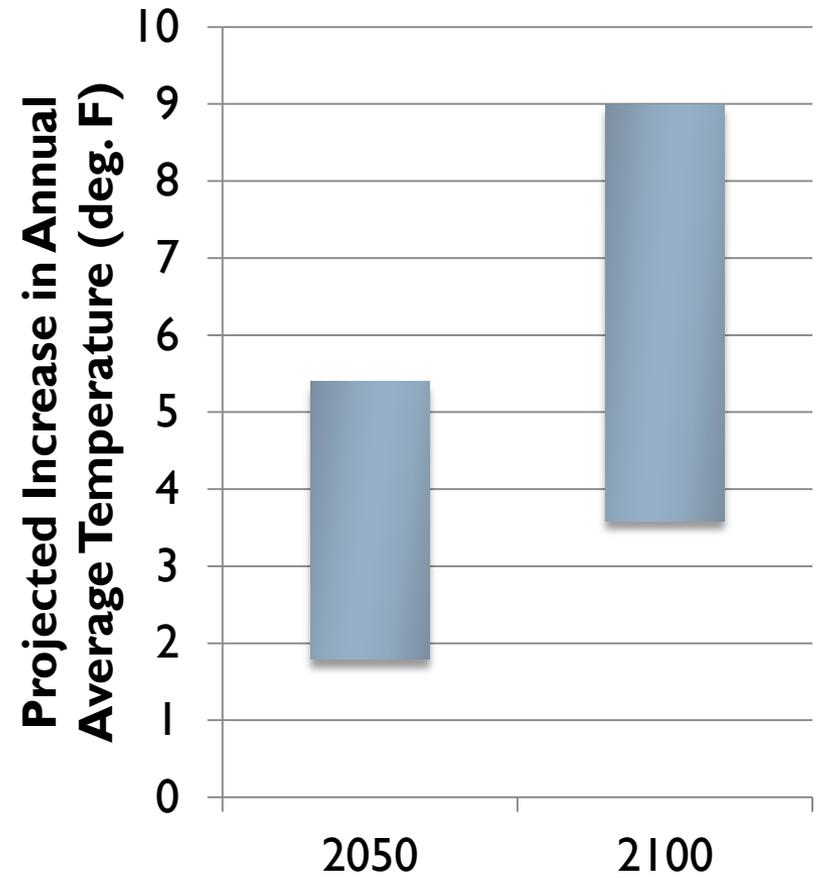
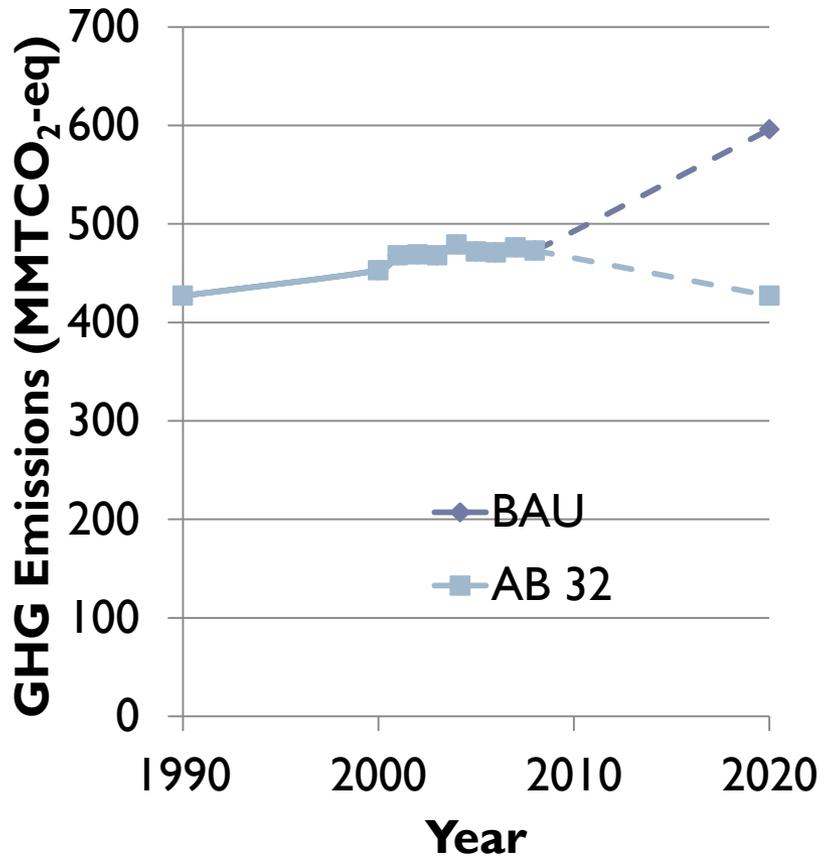
The EGPR will provide a framework for long-term planning decisions in California that accounts for the state's environment, quality of life, and economy – and the interactions among these.



EGPR 2012/13: Vision and Values



Challenge of Climate Change



2 Components of the EGPR

I. Statement of Goals and Priorities

- ▶ Vision of the future
- ▶ Benchmarks and goals
- ▶ Guidance to navigate competing goals

I. Set of Indicators to track progress toward achieving goals and evaluate priorities

- ▶ Applicable at multiple scales – local, regional, state
- ▶ Applicable in different regions (e.g., rural, urban)
- ▶ Relatable, accessible, measureable, replicable



Goals Framework

Climate Change: Building Resilience and Reducing Emissions

**Transform Energy
and Transportation
Systems**

**Plan Beyond the
Delta: Diversify the
State's Water System**

**Value and Preserve
Natural Resources**

**Building Healthy and
Sustainable Communities**



Environmental Goals

Transform Energy and Transportation Systems

- 33% RPS and beyond
- Zero-emission vehicles
- Energy efficiency
- Water efficiency

Plan Beyond the Delta: Diversify the State's Water System

- Water supply reliability
- Water quality
- Protecting aquatic species and habitat
- Flood protection

Value and Preserve Natural Resources

- Build resilience
- Species richness
- Maintaining natural resources and protected areas

Environmental Goals

- Meet air quality standards
- Meet water quality standards
- Reduce exposure to toxics
- Ensure community safety
- Safe and affordable transportation
- Quality education
- Strong economy and employment
- Housing accessibility

**Building Healthy and
Sustainable Communities**

Indicators

- ▶ **Measure progress toward goals across a set of common values**
 - ▶ Environmental performance, but also economic, health, and equity aspects
- ▶ **Build a web portal to enable access to information**
 - ▶ Different scales,
 - ▶ Different contexts, and
 - ▶ Range of users



Timing and Next Steps

Outreach to state agencies, local governments, and regions	Ongoing
Internal draft and presentation to Governor	Ongoing
Public workshops -Regional -Topical -Opportunistic	Spring-Summer 2013
-Web portal development	2013



Thank you.

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