

Statewide Water Action Plan: A Sustainable Path Forward for California

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The Delta: Heart of California's Water System





The Need for Statewide Solutions



- Delta conveyance problems can no longer be ignored
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan under way to address longterm Delta issues
- Delta solutions are more likely to succeed as part of a statewide comprehensive action plan



The Need for Statewide Solutions





War or Peace?





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- ACWA-convened process to develop a statewide action plan
- Broad cross-section of water interests
- Goal: Recommend a specific plan to the Governor that can be broadly supported by water community and serve as sustainable path forward for California
- Input from DWR, other state agencies





Broad Geographic Participation

Bay Area

- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Contra Costa Water District
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- · Santa Clara Valley Water District

West & Southern San Joaquin Valley / Southern California

- · MWD of Southern California
- Westlands Water District
- Kern County Water Agency
- · San Luis / Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
- San Diego County Water Authority

* Participation in plan development does not necessarily imply formal endorsement of final document.

Sacramento Valley

- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Northern California Water Association

Delta and Sacramento Region

- City of Sacramento
- · San Juan Water District
- · Regional Water Authority
- Reclamation District 2068

Mountain Counties

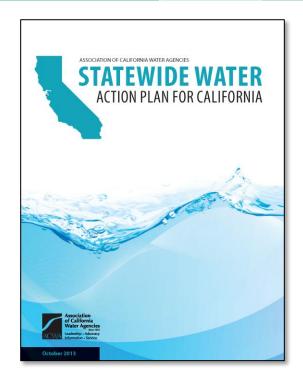
- Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
- El Dorado County Water Agency
- Placer County Water Agency

San Joaquin & Kings Rivers

- San Joaquin Tributaries Authority
- Merced Irrigation District
- Friant Water Authority
- Turlock Irrigation District
- Kings River Conservation District

Growing Support for ACWA's SWAP

















































- Unanimous vote by ACWA Board of Directors on Sept. 27
- SWAP creates possibility of statewide unity on key water issues
- Provides strong support base for statewide action by Governor Brown







15 Key Action Elements

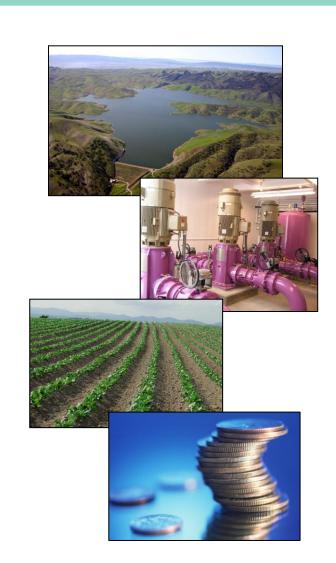
- Actions to Improve Statewide Water Supply
- Actions to Protect Water Rights
- Actions to Protect the Integrity of the System
- Actions to Promote Better Stewardship





Actions to Improve Statewide Water Supply

- Expand storage
- Invest in WUE/ IRWMPs
- Facilitate water transfers
- Protect and improve water quality
- Pass a water bond





Actions to Protect Water Rights

- Respect area of origin commitments
- Operational assurances: We should <u>not</u> plan on reservoirs going to dead pool









Actions to Protect the Integrity of the System

- Complete a BDCP, consistent with these principles
- Invest in levee improvements / maintenance
- Prepare for emergencies to protect public safety
- Improve and expand groundwater management

ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FOR THE

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

PREPARED FOR:

California Department of Water Resources U.S. Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Marine Fisheries Service

PREPARED BY:

ICF International







Actions to Promote Better Stewardship

- Integrate headwaters management to sustain the environment and improve statewide water quality and supply
- Coordinate state and federal regulatory actions
- Implement flow regulations through a collaborative, science-based process to promote the co-equal goals



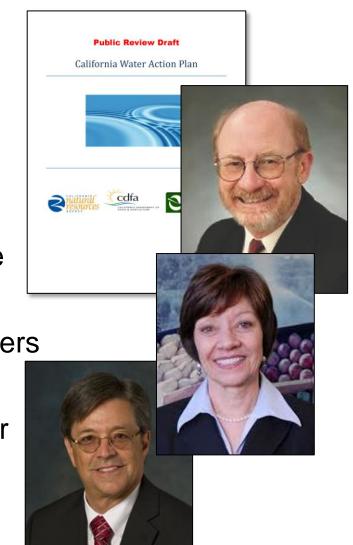




Brown Administration Draft Action Plan



- Draft California Water Action Plan released Oct. 31.
- California Natural Resources Agency, Cal/EPA and Dept. of Food and Agriculture taking lead
- Identifies 10 key actions over next five years
- State agencies to work with stakeholders to gather input
- Final plan expected in early December



Brown Administration Draft Action Plan



10 Key Actions

- Conservation
- Regional Self-Reliance
- Co-Equal Goals for the Delta
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Drought Preparedness

- Water Storage
- Safe Drinking Water
- Flood Protection
- Operational and Regulatory Efficiency
- Financing

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ACWA's Initial Take

- Appears to contain the right elements
- Some areas seem consistent with ACWA's SWAP, others may need some improvement
- ACWA continues to analyze
- Will provide formal comments in the coming weeks





ACWA is Asking for MPWMD's Support for SWAP

- Learn more about the plan at <u>www.acwa.com/spotlight/SWAP</u>
- Pass a resolution of support (sample resolution at acwa.com)
- Educate your citizens, elected officials and other local leaders
- ACWA is going to fight for a statewide solution

