



# **Strategies for the Future of Integrated Regional Water Management in California**

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# 10 ACTIONS of the California Water Action Plan

1. Make conservation a California way of life.
2. Increase regional self-reliance and integrated water management across all levels of government.
3. Achieve the coequal goals for the Delta.
4. Protect and restore important ecosystems.
5. Manage and prepare for dry periods.
6. Expand water storage capacity and improve groundwater management.
7. Provide safe water for all communities.
8. Increase flood protection.
9. Increase operational and regulatory efficiency.
10. Identify sustainable and integrated financing opportunities.

# Integrated Regional Water Management

*IRWM is rooted in the principle of  
local and regional control*

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*Local water managers working together, are  
best suited and best positioned to  
manage water resources in their region*

# The plan is based on stakeholder input



**Scoping exercises**

**Two rounds of public workshops**

**Assessment of existing conditions**

**Conference discussions**

**Interviews**

# What we learned early in the process...

*There is a strong sense that the practice of IRWM has begun to plateau*

*IRWM may be unsustainable over the long term in some areas*

# What Does This Plan Do?

**informs** the California Legislature about suggested statutory changes needed to help sustain IRWM and informs the general public about the importance of IRWM and what is needed to ensure its future.

**guides** DWR's actions for improving its support of IRWM.

**recommends** alignment measures for government agencies at all levels to support IRWM.

**identifies** options for regional water management groups and local agencies to improve the practice of IRWM.

# As the plan is currently conceived...

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## **Embrace IRWM and Share its Values and Successes**

*Official Recognition — Information Sharing — Education*

## **Align Government Programs and Regulatory Actions to Support IRWM**

*Alignment Planning and Support — Non-Regulatory Programs — Regulatory Programs*

## **Strengthen Regional Governance, Capacity, and Practices**

*Regional Capacity Building Support — Regional Governance — Regional Practices*

## **Enhance Regional Assistance**

*Customer Services Principles and Practices — IRWM Grant Program — Technical Support*

# Next...

- ✓ **Release as a public draft**
- ✓ **Public comment sessions (official announcement soon)**
- ✓ **Final plan**



***Thank you!***

***For more information, please visit <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/stratplan/>***