



**Director Karla Nemeth, Department of Water Resources**

**Background**

The Commission has a long-standing interest in policy discussions around water management. The Commission's 2012 Strategic Plan includes a goal of developing and supporting "integrated water management policies that result in sustainable water resources and a healthy environment statewide." Additionally, California Water Code sections 161 and 165 establish connections between DWR and the Commission. California Water Code section 161 states that the Commission shall "confer with, advise, and make recommendations to the director with respect to any matters and subjects under his jurisdiction." California Water Code section 165 states that the Commission shall "conduct an annual review of the progress of construction and operation of the State Water Resources Development System, and shall make a report on its findings to the department and to the Legislature, together with whatever recommendations it deems appropriate." Because of these roles, it is important for the Commission to understand how DWR is changing to meet future needs particularly as the Commission looks to update its own strategic plan.

Director Karla Nemeth will brief the Commission on [DWR's 2018 Strategic Plan](#) and priorities for the near future. She will also discuss the relationship between DWR and the Commission and opportunities for the Commission in its advisory role.

This is an informational item.

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