



Strategic Plan

Background

The Commission approved its Strategic Plan in September 2012, which calls for reviewing and updating it every five years.

Staff presented a draft revised Strategic Plan to the Commission in November 2019. The draft plan included an updated mission statement focused on improving water planning and management in response to our changing climate and hydrology. It also included five strategic goals.

After the November meeting, staff incorporated Commission comments and worked to refine the revised plan. The five goals are now as follows:

1. The Commission will serve as a primary public forum for the discussion of improving water management policy to assist regions in achieving climate resiliency, advise the Department, and inform the Governor and Legislature on selected statewide issues;
2. The Commission will carry out its statutory responsibilities associated with the State Water Project;
3. The Commission will carry out its statutory authorities associated with the Department of Water Resources to ensure that DWR decisions on key programs and activities are based on sound information and advance climate resiliency;
4. The Commission will carry out its statutory responsibilities for the Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program; and
5. The Commission, in coordination with the Administration, will determine whether there is a need to reactivate its role of advocating for federal funding for flood risk reduction.

On January 3, Governor Newsom released the draft Water Resiliency Portfolio, directing the Commission to conduct two actions: assess a role in state financing for regional conveyance projects, and research alternative ways to provide flood insurance beyond the federal flood insurance program. These tasks have been incorporated into the revised Strategic Plan as objectives under Goal 1.

Executive Officer Joe Yun will present the revised draft Strategic Plan for consideration and possible adoption.

This is an action item.

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