



# resilience

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IN THEORY, THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
THEORY AND PRACTICE.

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-Einstein? Feynman? Berra?

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## DEFINITIONS

- Resilience, sustainability, adaptation . . . it's all the same?
- Most common use of resilience mirrors ecological definition (e.g. elastic, “bounce back”)
- Stretching, it can accommodate realignment and reorganization
- But what about reinvention or even retreat?

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## ELEMENTS

- Situational awareness & assessment
- Connections—physical and social
- Redundancy—physical and social
- Diverse portfolios of options, statewide and regional
- Integration (eventually)
- Robust emergency response capacity
- Values, strongly held; who are we, really?
- Acting
- Learning

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## PRACTICE

Voluntary resilience chapter in DWR Environmental Impact Reports prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

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## PRACTICE

As a trustee and an investor of scarce taxpayer dollars, here are some voluntary questions we ask our grantees—and perhaps you should, too?

- Is there a primary point of contact for climate change?
- Is there a strategic business plan that considers climate change?
- Has the organization adopted any policies or made any formal public statements about climate change?
- Has the organization conducted a climate change vulnerability assessment?
- How would you describe your organization's capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change?



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