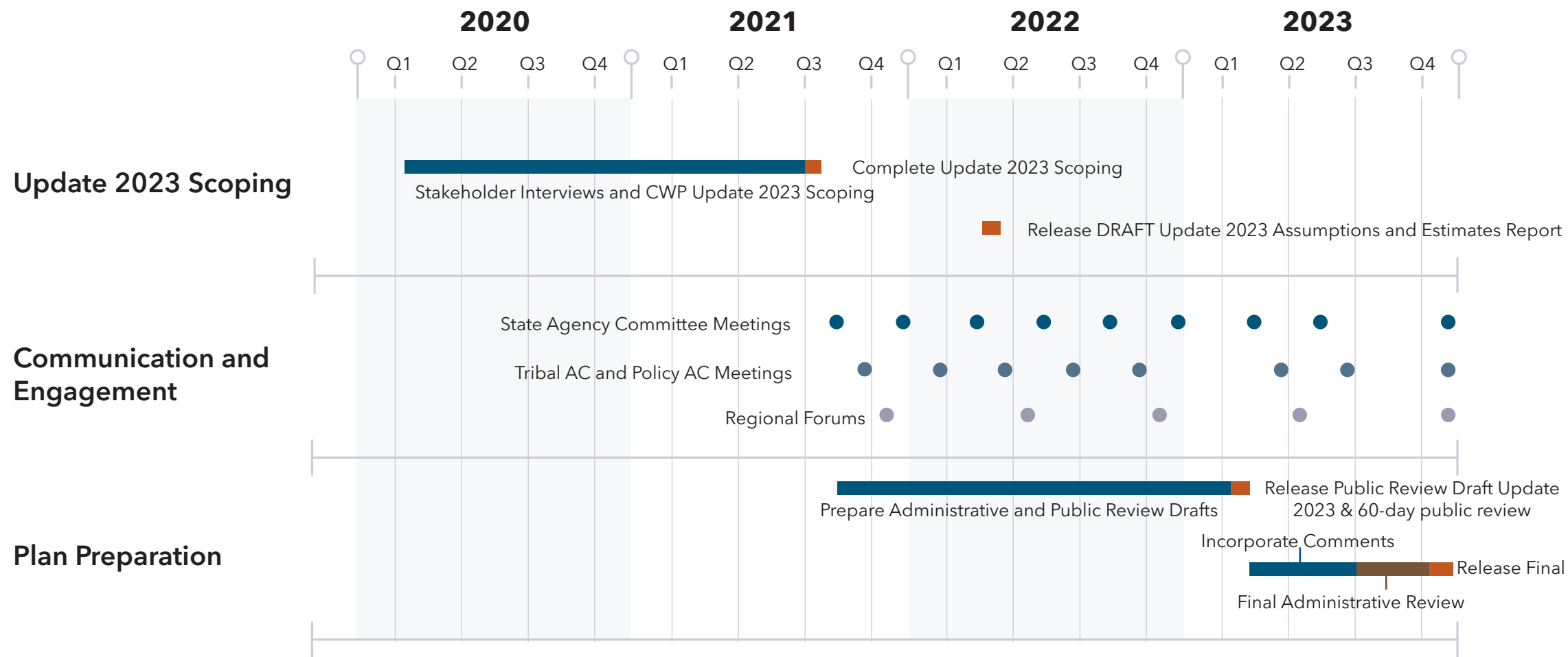




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## What are intended outcomes of CWP Update 2023?

All Californians benefit from a future where water resources are sustainable and resilient to climate change, managed in a manner that achieves shared values, and promotes connections to their watershed. Specifically, CWP Update 2023 will:

- **PROMOTE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATIONS** that ensure our water resources are resilient. Update 2023 focuses on future scenarios for climate change and managing in the face of increased impacts.
- **SUPPORT CALIFORNIA'S REGIONS** as they undertake watershed-based, multi-sector resilience planning with technical guidance, data, tools and decision support, and funding mechanisms.
- **STRENGTHEN WATER EQUITY** in State, regional, and local planning and decision-making to help ensure the human right to water in California (per Water Code Section 106.3).

The draft plan will provide foundational support for decision-making by addressing these informational areas:

- Context and vision for resiliency
- Existing and future water resource conditions
- Critical challenges affecting water resources
- Water equity
- Watershed resilience framework and strategies
- Tools for collaboration, planning, climate assessment, and tracking outcomes
- Tribal ecological knowledge and practices
- Recommendations for priority actions and investments
- Implementation, costs, and financing

## What is California Water Plan Update 2023?

The California Water Plan (CWP), updated every five years, is the State's strategic plan for sustainably and equitably managing and developing water resources for current and future generations. Required by Water Code Section 10005(a), it presents the status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources; water supplies; and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios. CWP Update 2023 will promote climate resilience across regions and water sectors with a statewide vision, clear goals, watershed planning framework and toolkit, and progress-tracking dashboard of indicators.

Besides the plan itself, the CWP Update 2023 includes updated resource management strategies, regional planning and performance tracking tools, water balances, future scenarios, and other technical and policy-related activities related to water resilience and sustainability.

## How does CWP Update 2023 relate to the California Water Resilience Portfolio?

The final Water Resilience Portfolio (WRP) was released in July 2020 and represents the Administration's blueprint for California water management to cope with more extreme droughts and floods, rising temperatures, declining fish populations, over-reliance on groundwater, and other challenges. The WRP is a cornerstone of Update 2023 and informed the scoping of the update during the WRP development process, with extensive public input. The CWP Update 2023 planning process provides an ongoing platform for supporting State agencies tasked with implementing WRP actions as well as jointly tracking and sharing progress and outcomes.

WRP action **28.2** calls for broadening: ... *the impact of the CWP, required every five years by law, by increasing alignment and coordination between contributing state agencies. Assess progress toward regional water resilience in Water Plan updates.*

Update 2023 will advance WRP action 28.2 and many other WRP actions, including:

- 20.** *Support groups and leaders in each of the state's regions to develop and execute integrated water resilience strategies.*
- 27.** *Improve the ability of regions to anticipate weather and climate changes.*
- 27.1** *Support regional decision making with watershed-scale climate vulnerability and adaptation assessments that include strategies to address risks to water supply, ecosystems, and water quality.*
- 29.2** *Work with local and regional stakeholders to explore organizing specific water resilience portfolios in each region and pilot innovations.*



## What is the schedule for CWP Update 2023?

The public review draft of the CWP Update 2023 will be released in early 2023, with the final plan scheduled for the end of the year.

## How can I participate in the CWP Update 2023 planning process?

The planning process for CWP Update 2023 includes robust stakeholder engagement to develop a trusted body of knowledge, increase alignment and efficiency among State agencies, build support for its recommendations, and inform implementation and investments. Engagement venues include:

- State Agency Committee
- Policy Advisory Committee
- Tribal Advisory Committee
- Regional forums
- Topic and/or place-based workshops

## How do I subscribe to the Water Plan eNews?

Subscribe to the California Water Plan eNews to receive weekly information on the progress of CWP Update 2023. Published every Wednesday, the newsletter also provides information on other water news and events from around the state. Subscribe by entering your email address on the [eNews subscription page](#).

## Who can I contact?

To be added to the CWP listserv and receive information about upcoming events, or to request additional information about Update 2023, please contact Paul Massera at [cwpcom@water.ca.gov](mailto:cwpcom@water.ca.gov). Event information will also be posted on the California Department of Water Resources [website](#).

