CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN 2023 UPDATE
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."
**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. Event information will also be posted on the California Department of Water Resources website.