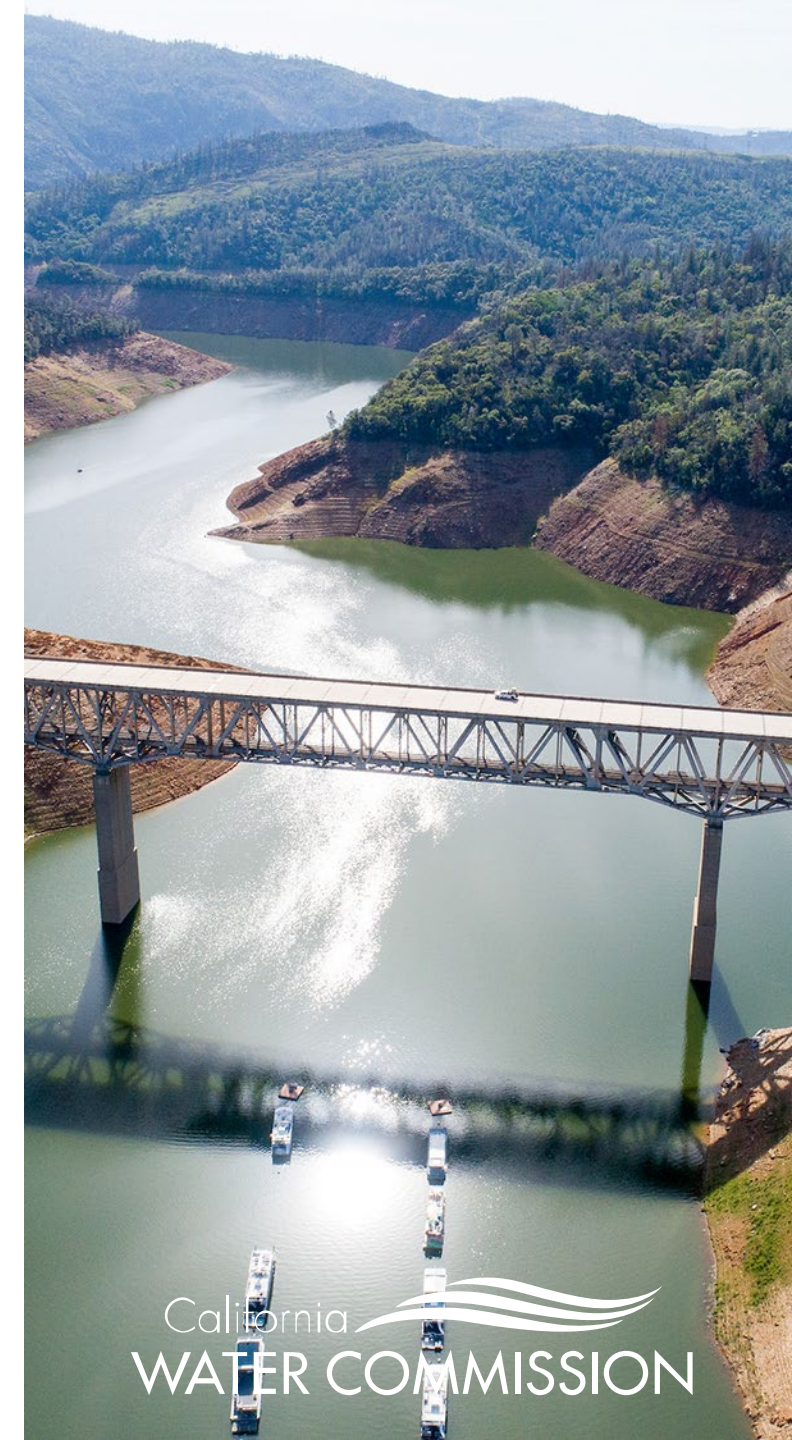




Potential State Strategies for Protecting Communities and Fish and Wildlife in the Event of Drought

Finalizing the Drought White Paper

- Presented draft of paper in November
- Public comment period closed December 15th
- Talk through subsequent revisions today
- Consider approval of paper



Public Comment Overview

- 29 public comments (including verbal comments at November Commission meeting)
- 39 commenters (individuals/organizations)
- Comments from Tribes, members of the public, scientists, academics, environmental groups, community groups, water suppliers, irrigation districts and industry reps
- Staff has reviewed/considered all public comments received



Context for Considering Comments

- Focus: Protect communities, fish and wildlife during drought
- History: 18-month long process; engaged hundreds of people through multiple venues

Outreach by the Numbers

- Experts consulted during Step 1: **62**
- Resources cited in drought annotated bibliography: **70**
- Tribal discussions participants/Tribes represented: **38/30**
- Workshop participants: **269**
- Survey respondents: **233**
- Outreach presentations given during Step 2: **21**

- Content: Four strategies have been well-received; potential actions build on what State is already doing

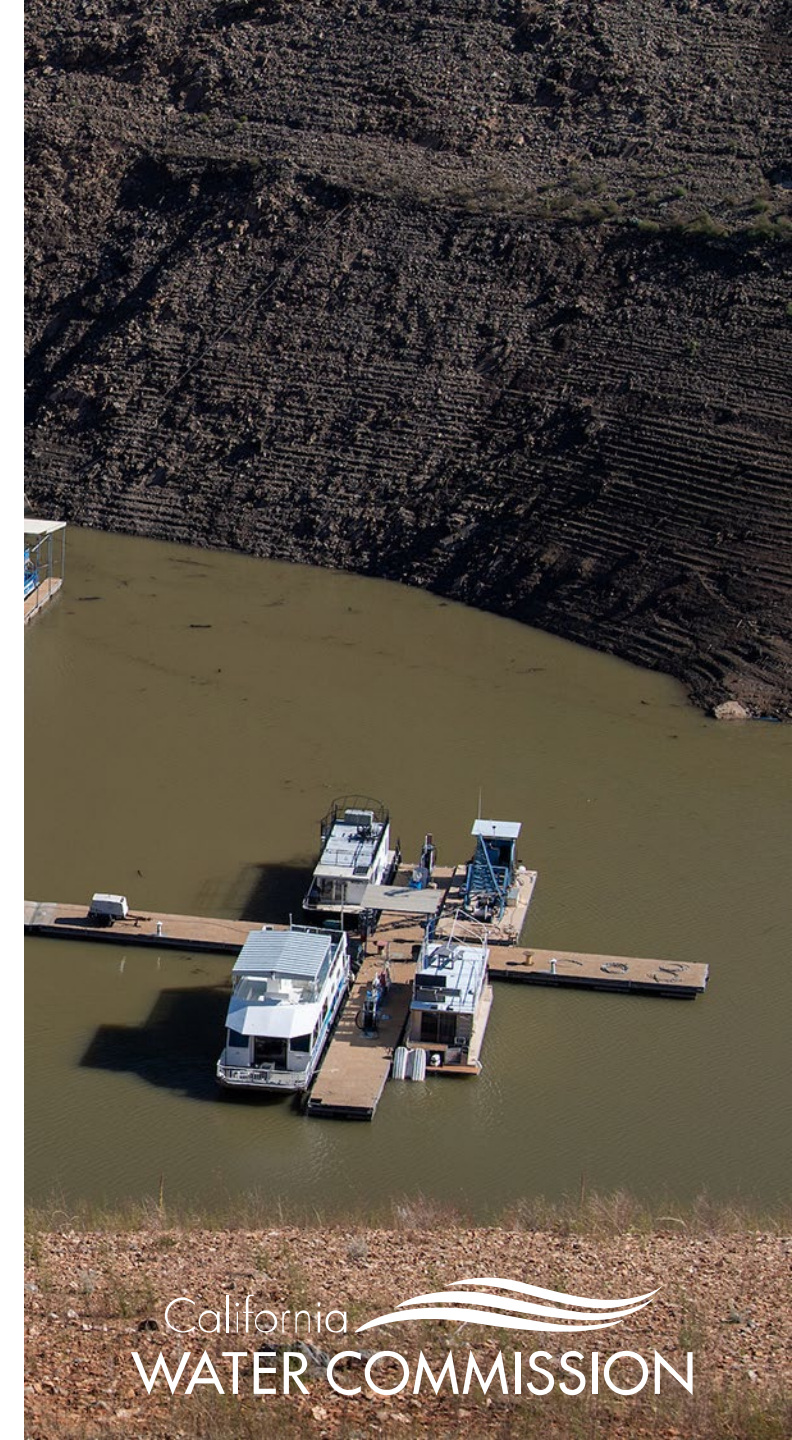
White Paper Structure

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Potential Drought Strategies
- Conclusion
- Appendix 1: Related California Water Planning
- Appendix 2: Overview of State Drought Actions
- Appendix 3: Overview of Commission's Process
- Appendix 4: Drought Working Group Overview



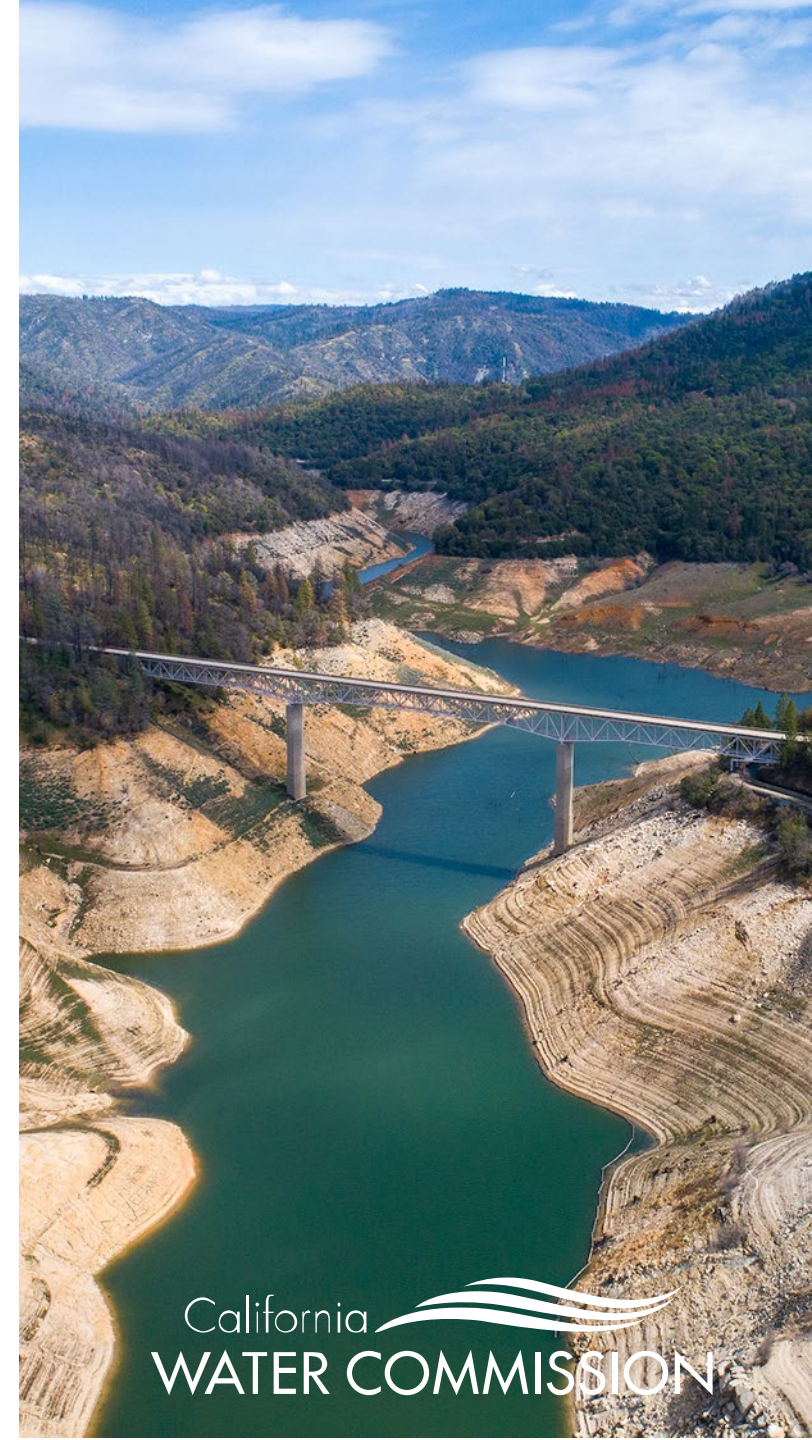
Major Changes

- Conflicting comments on demand management, water rights, agriculture
- New Potential State Actions
 - **Strategy 1** – Two new sub-actions to help clarify water available for recharge
 - **Strategy 2** – Captured existing actions under new header; added two new sub-actions on: locally-generated watershed plans and reporting diversions
 - **Strategy 3** – Two new sub-actions on: State capacity to support vulnerable communities and equitable access efficiency upgrades; one revised sub-action on land repurposing



Summary of Other Changes

- Tribal language
- Urban impacts/supply solutions
- Fisheries management in Kings River
- Public benefit of groundwater recharge
- Soil health, passive recharge
- Fish and wildlife stressors/trade-offs/solutions
- SGMA implementation
- Safe drinking water capacity and funding gaps



Commission Decision

- Approve or approve with modifications
 - Staff will share with policymakers and the public
- Do not approve today and give staff direction on additional work
 - Staff will make changes and bring to future Commission meeting

