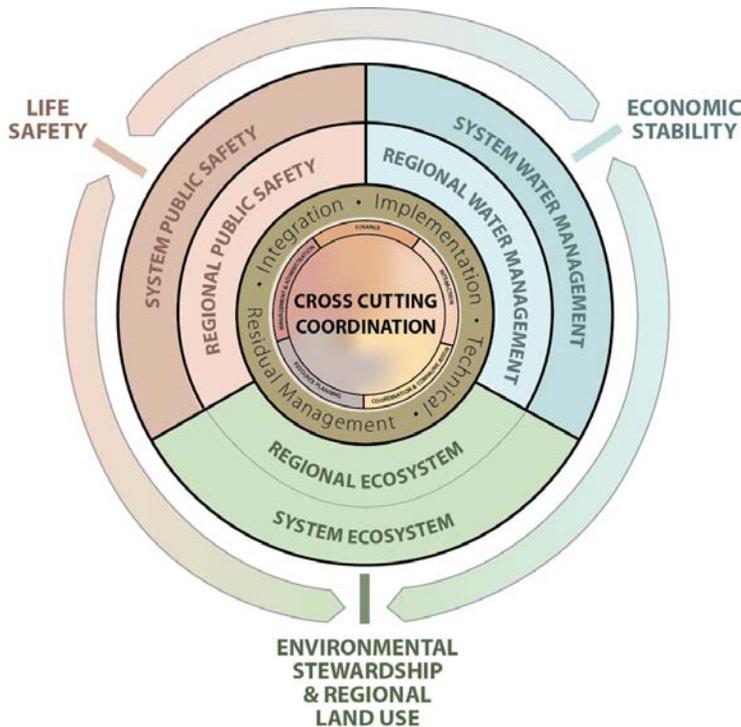


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New to the last update of the California Water Plan was the integration of water resource and flood management. This integration is challenging, but it can yield significant benefits—life safety and reduction of flood risk, water supply reliability and economic stability, and environmental enhancements. It is imperative that decisions about California's water resources account for and reduce uncertainty and risk, and that investments make our water management systems, flood protection systems, and ecosystems more sustainable.



IWM Value Related to Focus Areas

A focus area is all projects or programs within DWR that have a primary objective of providing either public safety, water management, or ecosystem benefits at a local/regional or system level.

IWM Managers' Offsite

On February 29, 2012, the Department of Water Resources hosted a workshop for leaders and managers in Integrated Water Management (IWM) divisions—the Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, Division of Flood Management, Division of Safety of Dams, and Bond Accountability.

This workshop set the wheels in motion to modify how IWM divisions conduct business. The “integrated water management” approach will be inherent across water management, public safety, and environmental stewardship activities at all levels—system, regional and local. This approach means that current and future programs will be specifically managed to maximize limited resources to deliver multiple benefits.



PUBLIC SAFETY

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Interaction Across IWM Focus Areas

The DWR IWM Manager's workshop was a significant step in getting IWM divisions ready to provide leadership and support local, State, and Federal agencies to develop *fully integrated solutions* to meet the state's evolving needs for public safety, environmental stewardship, and economic stability. DWR staff will do this by improving the way we interact, communicate, and coordinate internally and externally; the way we allocate project resources and deliver projects; and the way we manage our programs and funding.

DWR's Commitment to Integrating Water Management

DWR is committed to IWM and is working to improve alignment and synergies among our many programs to deliver water to 25 million Californians, improve flood protection, ensure dam safety, and protect California's natural resources. To ensure integration, all of these efforts are coordinated and considered prior to making decisions or taking action. Further, DWR is committed to the partnerships required across all levels of government and interest groups to make IWM a reality and align water planning, policies, and regulations.

