



**Briefing on the California Water Plan Update 2013**

**Background**

Kamyar Guivetchi, Chief of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, will update the Commission on the California Water Plan (CWP) Update 2013. The CWP, which is updated every five years, provides a collaborative planning framework for elected officials, agencies, tribes, water and resource managers, businesses, academia, stakeholders, and the public to develop findings and recommendations and make informed decisions for California's water future. It also evaluates different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship. The evaluations and assessments performed for the plan help identify effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come.

One of the primary features of the planning process is its reliance on stakeholder input and collaboration. Standing advisory groups include the Public Advisory Committee, State Agency Steering Committee (of which the Commission is a member), Tribal Advisory Committee, and a variety of topic based caucuses. In September 2013, the CWP held its annual Plenary Session, convening all of its stakeholders for a two day working session.

Mr. Guivetchi will update the Commission on the content and outcomes of the Plenary Session. He will also discuss ways in which the Commission can be more involved in the CWP Update 2013 planning process.

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