



Briefing on California Water Plan Forest Management Strategy

Background

The California Water Plan (CWP), published every five years, sets the path for water management in California, providing a framework for resource managers, legislators, Tribal governments, other decision-makers, and the public to consider options and make decisions regarding California's water future. The plan is developed through an inclusive collaborative process with Federal, State, Tribal, regional and local entities. One key element of the CWP is its Resource Management Strategies. These strategies are created to help local agencies and governments manage their water resources and meet objectives and goals of their regions.

The California Water Plan included a "Forest Management Strategy" for the first time in 2009, and is being expanded upon for the CWP Update 2013, which is currently under development. This strategy describes how forest management activities can positively affect the availability and quality water for downstream users.

At this meeting Barry Hill, of the USDA Forest Service, and Chris Keithley, Ph.D., of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), key authors of the Forest Management Strategy, will brief the Commission on this Resource Management Strategy.

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