Statewide Water Action Plan: A Sustainable Path Forward for California

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The Delta: Heart of California's Water System

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The Need for Statewide Solutions

- Delta conveyance problems can no longer be ignored
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan under way to address long-term Delta issues
- Delta solutions are more likely to succeed as part of a statewide comprehensive action plan

The Need for Statewide Solutions

War or Peace?

Doing battle with each other?
Or singing from the same song sheet?

Statewide Water Action Plan

- ACWA-convened process to develop a statewide action plan
- Broad cross-section of water interests
- Goal: Recommend a specific plan to the Governor that can be broadly supported by water community and serve as sustainable path forward for California
- Input from DWR, other state agencies

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Broad Geographic Participation

Sacramento Valley

- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Northern California Water Association

Delta and Sacramento Region

- City of Sacramento
- San Juan Water District
- Regional Water Authority
- Reclamation District 2068

Mountain Counties

- Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
- El Dorado County Water Agency
- Placer County Water Agency

San Joaquin & Kings Rivers

- San Joaquin Tributaries Authority
- Merced Irrigation District
- Friant Water Authority
- Turlock Irrigation District
- Kings River Conservation District

Bay Area

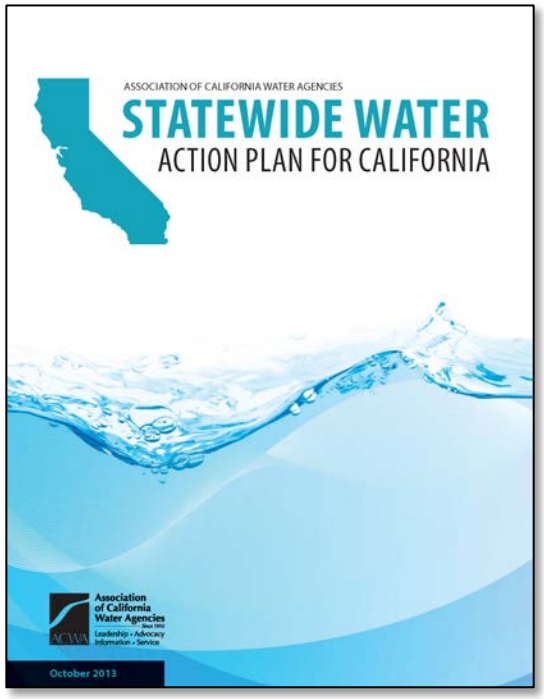
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Contra Costa Water District
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- Santa Clara Valley Water District

West & Southern San Joaquin Valley / Southern California

- MWD of Southern California
- Westlands Water District
- Kern County Water Agency
- San Luis / Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
- San Diego County Water Authority

** Participation in plan development does not necessarily imply formal endorsement of final document.*

Growing Support for ACWA's SWAP



Eastern Municipal Water District
Since 1950

Valley Center Municipal Water District
Water Conservation / A Way of Life

Calaveras County Water District

Corona
"The Circle City"
Incorporated July 13, 1896
To Cherish Our Past - To Plan Our Future

EBMUD

RWA

Cucamonga Valley Water District

City of Sacramento
Founded in 1849

Sacramento Suburban Water District
Clearly Refreshing Service!

City of Roseville
California

Carmichael Water District

Tulare Irrigation District
Formed in 1888

KRCD
Kings River Conservation District

Helix Water District

San Juan Water
Since 1854

El Dorado Irrigation District

Desert Water

GCID
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Browns Valley Irrigation District

Mountain Counties
Water Resources Association

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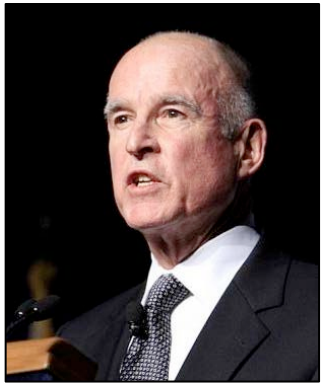
- Unanimous vote by ACWA Board of Directors on Sept. 27
- SWAP creates possibility of statewide unity on key water issues
- Provides strong support base for statewide action by Governor Brown



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15 Key Action Elements

- Actions to Improve Statewide Water Supply
- Actions to Protect Water Rights
- Actions to Protect the Integrity of the System
- Actions to Promote Better Stewardship

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Actions to Improve Statewide Water Supply

- Expand storage
- Invest in WUE/ IRWMPs
- Facilitate water transfers
- Protect and improve water quality
- Pass a water bond

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Actions to Protect Water Rights

- Respect area of origin commitments
- Operational assurances: We should not plan on reservoirs going to dead pool

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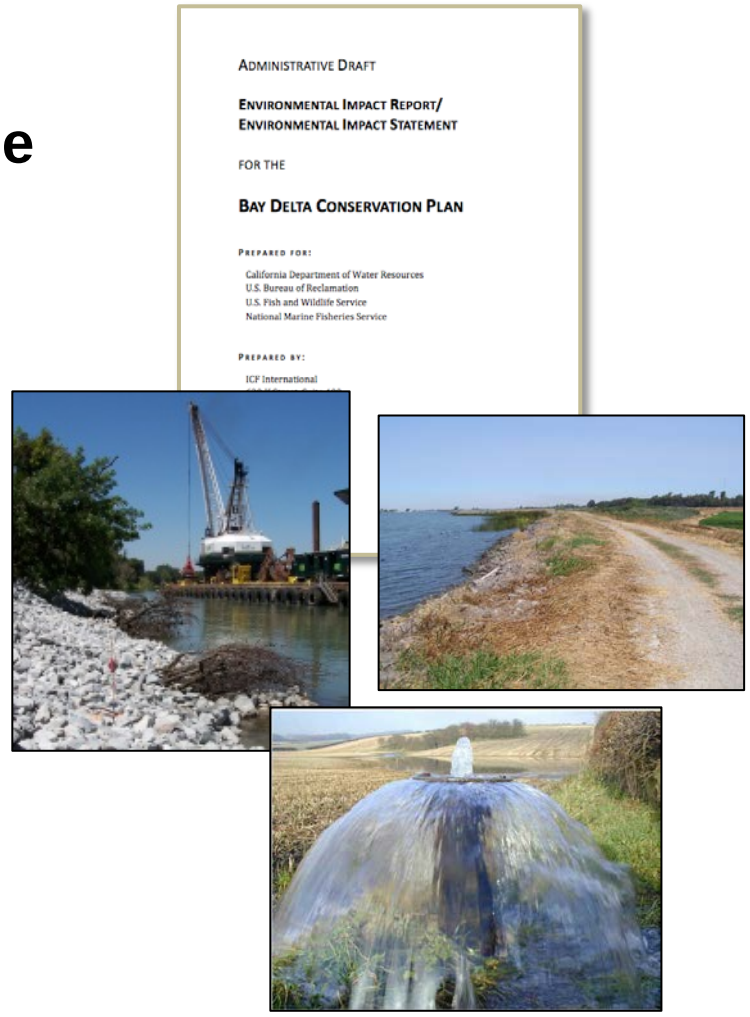
Actions to Protect the Integrity of the System

- Complete a BDCP, consistent with these principles
- Invest in levee improvements / maintenance
- Prepare for emergencies to protect public safety
- Improve and expand groundwater management



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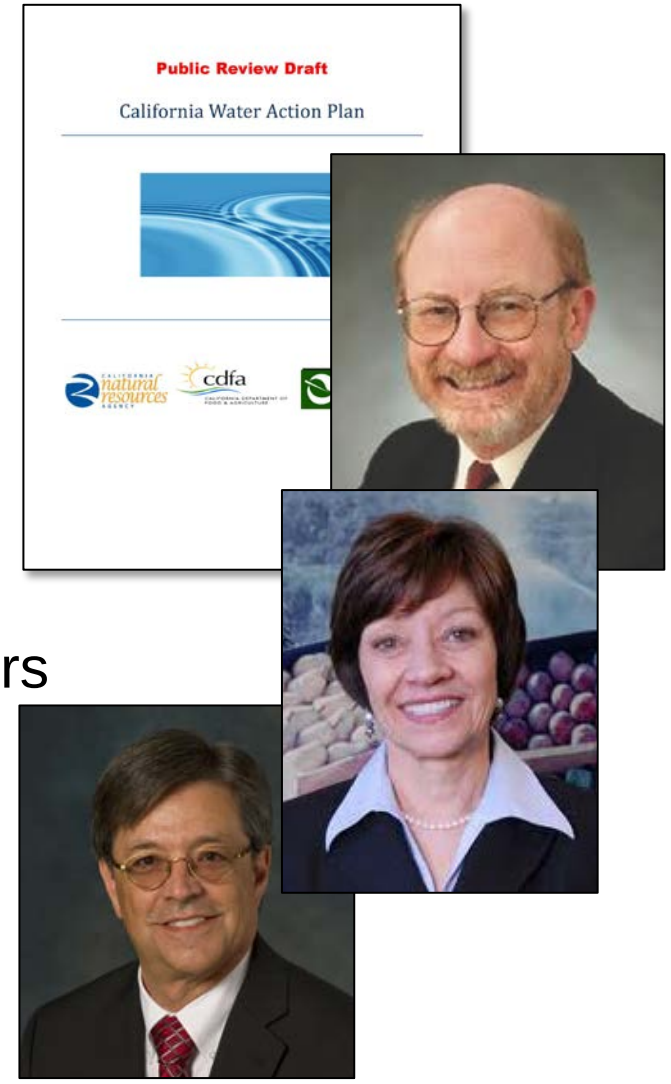
Actions to Promote Better Stewardship

- Integrate headwaters management to sustain the environment and improve statewide water quality and supply
- Coordinate state and federal regulatory actions
- Implement flow regulations through a collaborative, science-based process to promote the co-equal goals

Brown Administration Draft Action Plan

- Draft California Water Action Plan released Oct. 31.
- California Natural Resources Agency, Cal/EPA and Dept. of Food and Agriculture taking lead
- Identifies 10 key actions over next five years
- State agencies to work with stakeholders to gather input
- Final plan expected in early December



SWAP & CWAP: A Comprehensive Approach

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How Do We Move Forward Together?

- Commitment to a comprehensive plan moving forward
- Maintain broad coalition of support
- Work together on implementation:
  - ✓ Surface and groundwater storage
  - ✓ “Dead pool” issue
  - ✓ Water transfers
  - ✓ Groundwater management
  - ✓ IRWMPs

Questions?

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