



**Discussion of Recent State Water Action Plans and Priorities**

**Background**

In May 2013, Governor Brown directed state agencies to identify key actions for the next one to five years that prioritize and help address the California's most urgent water management needs. Other agencies and stakeholders have developed their own priority action plans for water projects and programs.

The Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency, and California Department of Food and Agriculture released a public review draft of the California Water Action Plan in October 2013. The draft plan makes recommendations in 10 issue areas, and will be finalized in December following public comment.

A coalition of organizations including Defenders of Wildlife, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Golden Gate Salmon Association, the Planning and Conservation League, and the Bay Institute, developed a set of Priority Goals and Objectives in support of a Water Action Plan. The Association of Water California Water Agencies (ACWA) also released its State Water Action Plan in October, which lays out a broad framework of measures to secure the state's water future.

At the Commission meeting, Gary Bardini, DWR Deputy Director for Integrated Water Management; Tim Quinn, Executive Director of ACWA; and Doug Obegi, Staff Attorney for the NRDC's Water Program, will present and discuss these Water Actions Plans and priorities.

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