California Water Plan Update 2009

Advisory Committee View
Document Recap
August 13th, 2009
AC View Document Review

Conducted between March 27th and April 15th 2009

6 Sessions – 28 Participants

- Agriculture
- Flood
- Public Health/ Water Quality
- Environmental
- Regions/ Governments
- Urban Planner
Draft AC View Document

- Introduction
- Important New Features
- How to Read this Water Plan
- Areas of Substantial Agreement
- Areas Where Disagreement Remains
General Comments from AC Members

- AC questioned the relevance of the AC View Document for Update 2009. Overall, the AC did not feel the document was necessary.

- Overall, the AC felt the “How to Read this Water Plan” and “Important New Features” were not representative of the AC voice. As a result of this recommendation this information will be used to develop a Water Plan User Guide brochure.

- The document should clearly state the issues that the Water Plan and AC did not have control over or input on such as: The Delta, 20x2020 Conservation Plan and Drought.

- With many aspects unfinished, the AC felt it was premature to agree or disagree.
Draft AC Mini Assessment

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Areas of Substantial Agreement

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- Integrated Water Management
- Action in Uncertainty
- Regional Management
- Environmental Justice
- Tribal Perspectives

- Reliable Supply
- Water Quality
- Climate Change
- Data
- Strategic Planning
- Definitions
Comments by AC Members on Points of Substantial Agreement

- AC Members concurred that the points of agreement were correctly captured.

- The group added an additional point of agreement “Integrated Flood Management.”

- Points of Agreement and Disagreement should be grouped and prioritized. This will help focus attention and action in the short and long term.
Points of Substantial Agreement continued …

- Suggested organization of Agreement

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Areas where Disagreement Remains

- Surface Storage and Conveyance
- Agricultural Water Use Efficiency
- Structure and Definition of Scenarios
- Definition of Conserved Water
- CA Bay- Delta Solutions
- Land Use
- Water Rights
- Sustainable Funding
- Water Pricing
- Groundwater Management and Regulations
Comments by AC Members on Points of Disagreement

- Many of the points of disagreement were outside the scope of the Water Plan such as The Delta, 20x2020 Conservation Plan and Drought.

- Overall, the points of disagreement are fundamental and are debated outside of the Water Plan such as land use, definition of conserved water, water rights and water pricing.

- Other disagreement points cannot be addressed at this time for lack of information such as structure and definition of scenarios.
WORKSHEET QUESTIONS

- Looking at the text on areas of Agreement and Disagreement please provide suggested amendments for any area where you DO NOT see your perspective represented OR you believe the your perspective has been misunderstood.

- [NOTE: Your review should focus on content rather than editorial issues. You are welcome to provide editorial suggestions off-line.]
Thinking about the Update 2009 Approaches and Process, what is your perspective about the effectiveness and/or utility of emphasizing these approaches:

1. Improving Water Planning Collaboration among State Agencies
2. Focus on Integrated Regional Water Management
3. Increasing Tribal Participation and Access to Funding
WORKSHEET QUESTIONS

Thinking AC Role in Water Plan Update 2009

■ What additional benefits and/or challenges would you put in this section?
■ What else might you include in this section.

Thinking AC Role in Future Updates

■ What Role should the AC play in the next Update?