Parking Lot
Topics for Next Water Plan Update

Policy Topics
1. More details on funding mechanisms
2. Describe how to implement beneficiary pays and user fees
3. Consider alternatives to economic theory for water allocation & distribution
4. Discuss privatization of public water systems
5. Consider resource management strategies used by Indigenous Peoples
6. Propose a statewide groundwater law
7. Consider State purchase of federal water facilities
8. Assess impact of water right decisions on communities
9. Discuss relationships with Western U.S. and Mexico
10. Track implementation of previous Updates
11. Consider the Water Plan’s social and political ramifications to communities – i.e., legislative actions, data, and decision-making affected by the Water Plan
12. Integrate water and energy policy recommendations
13. DWR needs a technical advisory group similar to the Advisory Committee to address technical needs of the Water Plan
14. Consider ways to merge watershed management efforts and plans & integrated regional water management efforts and plans

Technical Topics
15. Develop the Water Plan Information Exchange (Water PIE)
16. More “actual” years for water portfolio, especially a series of dry years
17. More local detail for Regional Reports & Water Portfolios
18. More groundwater information (quantity, quality & overdraft)
19. Change environmental water accounting and presentation
20. Improve the transparency of data. Show how data is used from water management plans (UWMP, GWMP, etc.)
21. More Scenarios and Response Packages based on more factors
22. Interrelationships / integration among Resource Management Strategies
23. Provide a comprehensive analytical framework to expand on Update 2005, Refine future supply and demand estimates
24. Include a “Gap” analysis; either past one or more comprehensive
25. Complete AB 2587 analysis – agricultural water demand for food security
26. More on climate change impacts and responses
27. More on energy cost impacts and water – energy relationships
28. Provide additional info on unmet environmental objectives, and more on instream flows (existing & environmental needs assessment)
29. More on flood risk
30. Present brackish water and seawater desalination as separate strategies
31. More discussion on water marketing & transfer impacts
32. Change the way Wild & Scenic Rivers are characterized