Legal Requirements for the California Water Plan

Sections 10004 – 10013
California Water Code
Section 1004

- Update every 5 years starting in 2003.
- Establish a PAC with representatives:
  - Agriculture & Urban Water Suppliers
  - Local Government
  - Business
  - Production Agriculture
- Release a preliminary draft for comments and consider those comments in final.
Section 10004.5

- Include discussion of various strategies including but not limited to:
  - New storage facilities
  - Water conservation
  - Water recycling
  - Desalination
  - Conjunctive use
  - Water transfers
Section 10004.6

- Study to determine the amount of water needed to meet the State’s future needs and recommend programs, policies and facilities to meet those needs.
- Consult AC in development.
- Release Assumptions and Estimates Report at least one year before Final Water Plan. Many specifics on what is to be included in A&E report.
Section 10005

- Sets the policy of the State that the CWP is the “master plan which guides the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, management and efficient utilization of the water resources of the state.”
- Does not constitute approval for construction of specific projects or routes of transfer of water or financial assistance by the state without further legislative action.
Section 10005.1 and 10005.2

- Conduct a series of hearings with interested persons, organizations, local, state, and federal agencies, and representatives of the diverse geographical areas and interests of the state.
- Give notice by mail of the hearing to persons which have provided their name to the department.
Section 10006-10009

These sections do not specifically define the work in preparation of the CWP.
Section 10011

- One hearing within boundaries of the Sac-SJ Delta.
- Include discussion of the various alternatives, including their advantages and disadvantages for improving the current uses and configuration of the Sac-SJ Delta.
- Only be implemented should money is appropriated in the annual budget to carry out this section.
Section 10013

- Shall include report on the development of regional and local water projects within each hydrologic region of the state to improve water supplies to meet municipal, agricultural, and environmental water need and minimize the need to import water from other hydrologic regions.
Budget of the CWP
UPDATE 2013
$5.5m/year annualized budget

- Water Supply and Balance: 38%
- Groundwater Management (Data): 10%
- Groundwater Management (content): 3%
- Future Scenarios (Data and Analysis): 10%
- Future Scenarios (Content): 2%
- Resource Management Strategies: 6%
- Regional Planning: 6%
- Progress Report: 1%
- Finance Planning: 4%
- Collaboration: 8%
- Water Technology: 4%
- Water Quality: 3%
- Sustainability Indicators: 2%
- Strategic Planning: 3%

+ Climate Change: 4%
+ Publications: 5%
+ Flood Management: 6%
Current Budget (relative to Update 2013)