WATER PLAN
STEERING COMMITTEE

California Water Plan Update 2009
Plenary
October 22 & 23, 2007
Steering Committee

- Met 5 times since March 2007
- 19 State Agencies are providing policy input, oversight, and program management for Update 2009
- Setting priorities for current and planned work
- Work Topics
  - Improved networking among members
  - Coordinating regional outreach & activities
  - Clarifying role of State & Federal Agencies for implementing Recommendation 13 on Tribal Water & Participation
  - Ways to leverage State Bond Funds for multiple benefits
  - Identified State Companion Plans related to Water Plan
Membership - 19

- Department of Boating and Waterways
- Business Transportation and Housing Agency (Caltrans)
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- CALFED Bay-Delta Program
- California Energy Commission
- California Public Utilities Commission
- Department of Conservation
- Department of Fish & Game
- Department of Food and Agriculture
- Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- Department of Public Health
- Native American Heritage Commission Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
- Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Resources Agency
- State Lands Commission
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Department of Water Resources
Selected Phrases from **Water Plan 05**

**Recommendations**

**State government must**

- provide incentives for regional, local, governments and private utilities to prepare integrated resource and drought contingency plans;
- lead to remediate the causes and effects of contaminants on surface water and groundwater quality.
- lead planning and management efforts: (a) regions cannot accomplish on their own, (b) the state can do more efficiently, (c) involve inter-regional, inter-state, or international issues, or (d) have broad public benefits.
- invest in research and development to implement promising water technologies
- predict and prepare for the effects of *global climate change*
- improve *data, analytical tools, and information management and exchange*
- explicitly consider public trust values
- invite, encourage, and assist tribal government representatives to fully participate in planning and funding opportunities
- encourage and assist representatives from disadvantaged communities and *vulnerable populations*, to get equal access to state funding for water projects.
Water Plan 09 Work Plan

- **Activities and Content**
  - The Water Plan Steering Committee will build on the strategic planning framework and content from *Water Plan Update 2005*.

- Activity 8 Specifically calls for
  - “Incorporate findings & recommendations from companion State strategic plans.”
Goal

- Identify the many state plans that are out there, and relevant to the Water Plan
- Understand how companion plans can inform the Water Plan, and vice versa
- Better coordinated various plans and policies to add value to the state
What Needs To Be Done

- Identify companion plans for the SWP
- Identify policy relationships between SWP and companion plans
- Discuss among the state agencies how to harmonize SWP and companion plans
- Develop a SWP Update that reflects and supports common statewide objectives
Questions
QUESTIONS

- Are there additional state plans we should be reviewing as a companion plan?
- Are there conflicts/harmony between the SWP and another state plan you think should be flagged?
- Are you aware of collaboration between 2 or more state agencies (where the agencies have successfully cooperated to promote common goals) that should be evaluated for best practices?