



Statewide Water Action Plan: A Sustainable Path Forward for California

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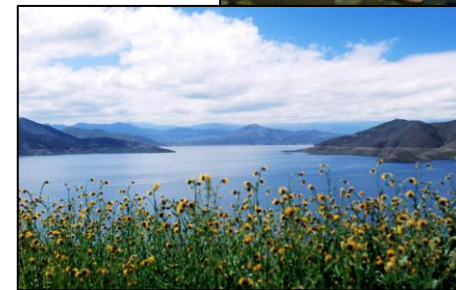
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The Delta: Heart of California's Water System

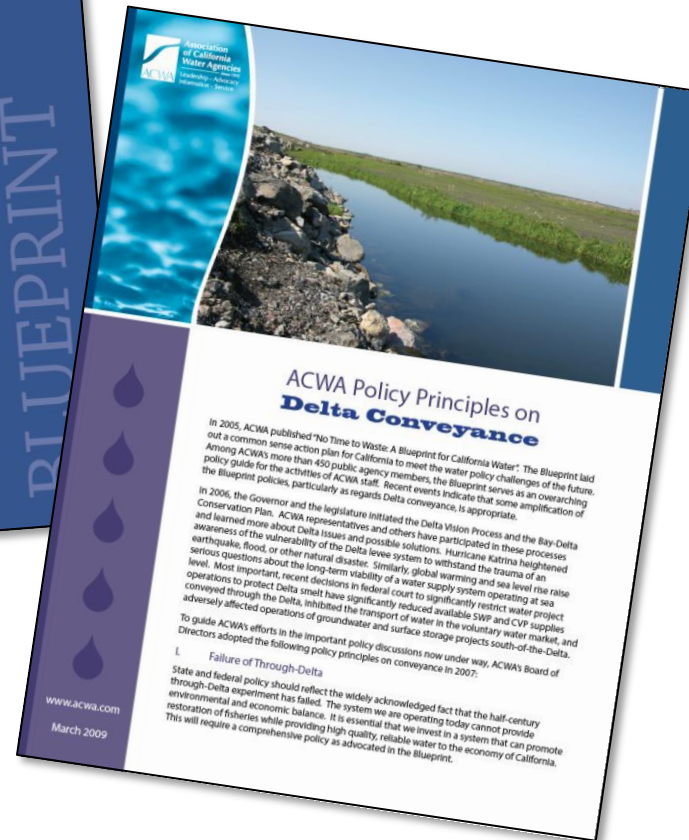


The Need for Statewide Solutions

- Delta conveyance problems can no longer be ignored
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan under way to address long-term Delta issues
- Delta solutions are more likely to succeed as part of a statewide comprehensive action plan



The Need for Statewide Solutions



War or Peace?



Or singing battle with each other?

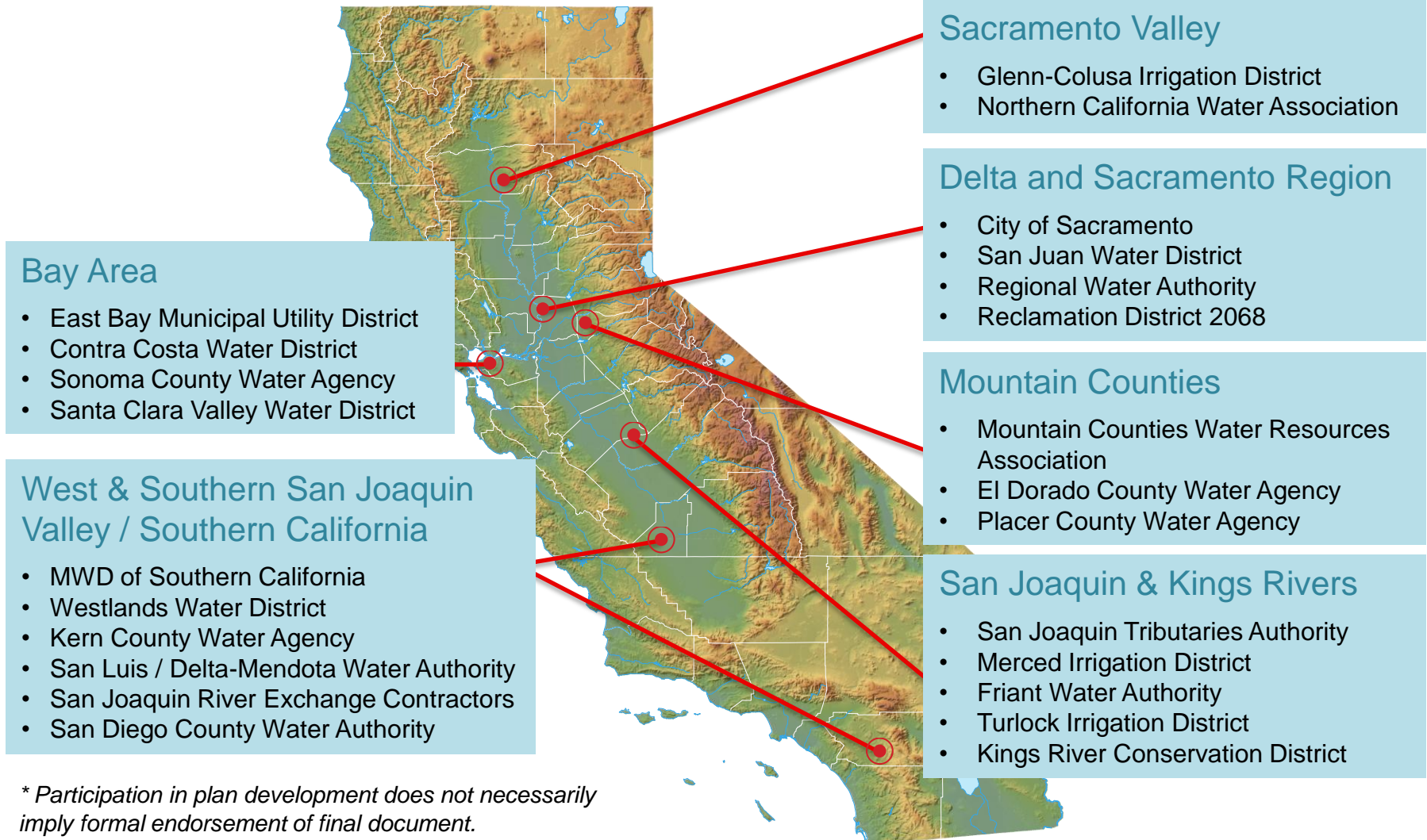
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- ACWA-convened process to develop a statewide action plan
- Broad cross-section of water interests
- Goal: Recommend a specific plan to the Governor that can be broadly supported by water community and serve as sustainable path forward for California
- Input from DWR, other state agencies



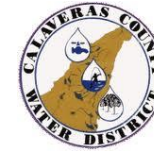
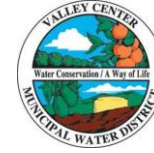
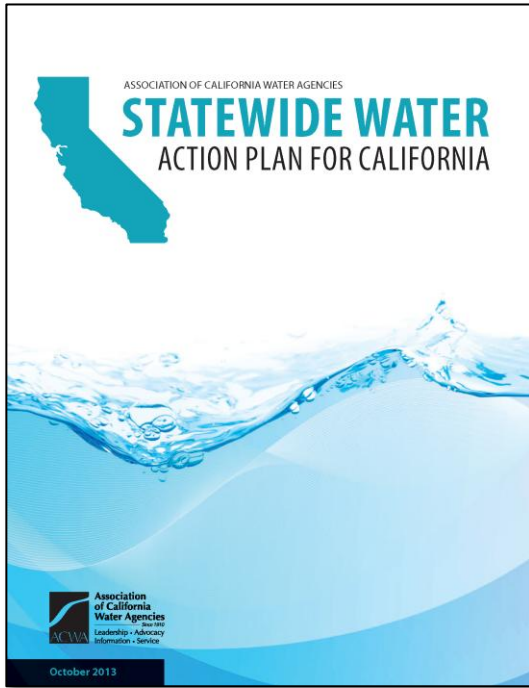
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Broad Geographic Participation



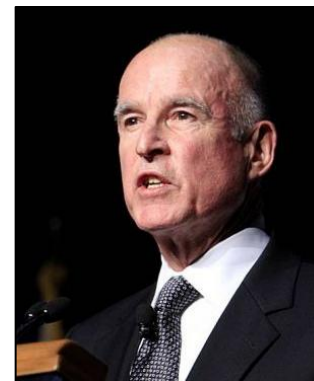
* Participation in plan development does not necessarily imply formal endorsement of final document.

Growing Support for ACWA's SWAP



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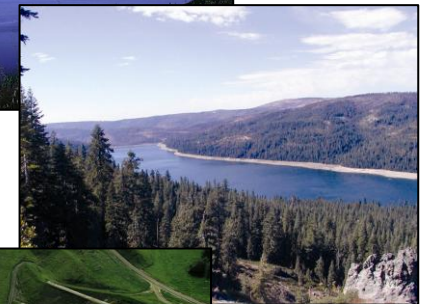
- Unanimous vote by ACWA Board of Directors on Sept. 27
- SWAP creates possibility of statewide unity on key water issues
- Provides strong support base for statewide action by Governor Brown



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15 Key Action Elements

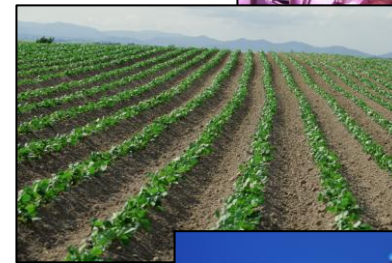
- Actions to Improve Statewide Water Supply
- Actions to Protect Water Rights
- Actions to Protect the Integrity of the System
- Actions to Promote Better Stewardship



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Actions to Improve Statewide Water Supply

- Expand storage
- Invest in WUE/ IRWMPs
- Facilitate water transfers
- Protect and improve water quality
- Pass a water bond



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Actions to Protect Water Rights

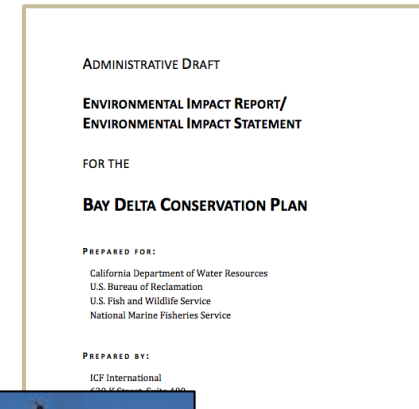
- Respect area of origin commitments
- Operational assurances: We should not plan on reservoirs going to dead pool



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Actions to Protect the Integrity of the System

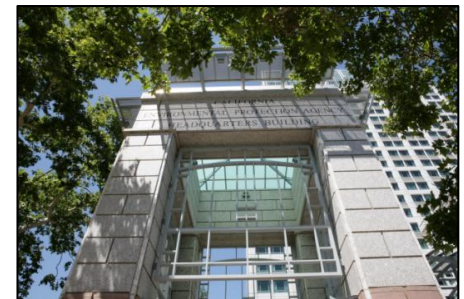
- Complete a BDCP, consistent with these principles
- Invest in levee improvements / maintenance
- Prepare for emergencies to protect public safety
- Improve and expand groundwater management



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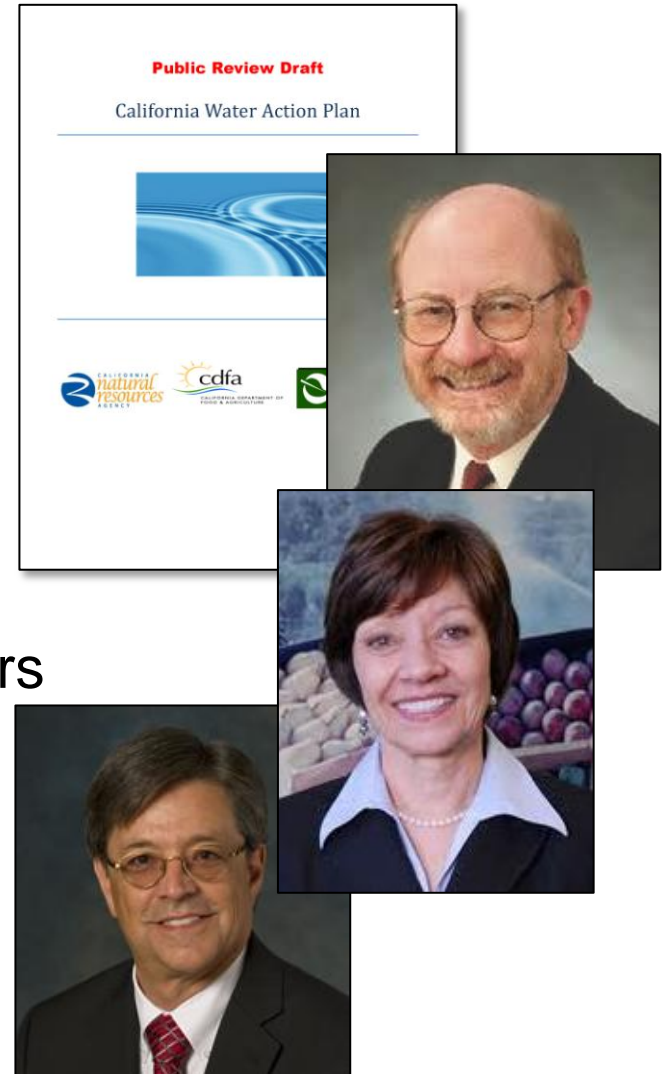
Actions to Promote Better Stewardship

- Integrate headwaters management to sustain the environment and improve statewide water quality and supply
- Coordinate state and federal regulatory actions
- Implement flow regulations through a collaborative, science-based process to promote the co-equal goals



Brown Administration Draft Action Plan

- Draft California Water Action Plan released Oct. 31.
- California Natural Resources Agency, Cal/EPA and Dept. of Food and Agriculture taking lead
- Identifies 10 key actions over next five years
- State agencies to work with stakeholders to gather input
- Final plan expected in early December

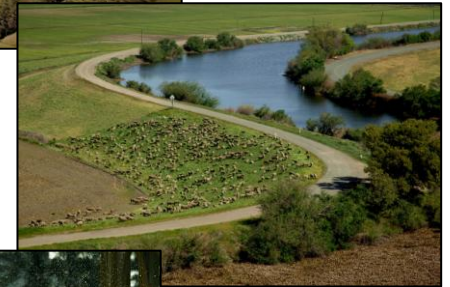


10 Key Actions

- Conservation
- Regional Self-Reliance
- Co-Equal Goals for the Delta
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Drought Preparedness
- Water Storage
- Safe Drinking Water
- Flood Protection
- Operational and Regulatory Efficiency
- Financing

ACWA's Initial Take

- Appears to contain the right elements
- Some areas seem consistent with ACWA's SWAP, others may need some improvement
- ACWA continues to analyze
- Will provide formal comments in the coming weeks



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ACWA is Asking for MPWMD's Support for SWAP

- Learn more about the plan at www.acwa.com/spotlight/SWAP
- Pass a resolution of support (sample resolution at acwa.com)
- Educate your citizens, elected officials and other local leaders
- ACWA is going to fight for a statewide solution

