

Calif. draft water plan lacks substance

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State officials Thursday released the draft of a new California Water Action Plan that doesn't include much action.

The 17-page document covers little new ground, outlining familiar water policy goals with few details of how they will be achieved.

Among the goals:

- Make water conservation a “way of life” in California.
- Develop local supplies such as recycled water to make regions more self-reliant and reduce their need for imported water.
- Expand the state's water storage, whether in the form of new reservoirs or groundwater reserves.
- Improve flood protection and provide safe drinking water for all communities.
- Restore important ecosystems.

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