

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

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SUBJECT: California Water Resiliency Portfolio (Executive Order N-10-19)

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ACTION: Information / Discussion

SUMMARY

As climate change threatens California's water infrastructure and reliability, the state faces increasing challenges associated with unsafe drinking water, major flood risks that threaten public safety, severely depleted groundwater aquifers, agricultural communities coping with uncertain water supplies and native fish populations threatened with extinction.

On April 29th, 2019, Governor Newsom signed [Executive order N-10-19](#) directing his administration to think differently and act boldly by developing a comprehensive strategy to build a climate-resilient water system. The order directs the secretaries of the California Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency (including the Water Boards) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to identify, assess and prioritize a suite of complementary actions to ensure safe and resilient water supplies, flood protection and healthy waterways for the state's communities, economy and environment. More information is available on the state's Water Resilience Portfolio website at: <http://waterresilience.ca.gov/>

The order also directs the three state agencies to conduct extensive outreach to inform the process. This item is a component of the Water Boards' outreach efforts to seek input on the priorities and goals for how we shape our water, economic, and environmental future. This information item discussion will present an overview of the order, its goals, directives and timelines, and future outreach events. Questions from the Board and from the public are encouraged. Information, suggestions, and questions submitted during this item discussion will be relayed to the Water Resilience Portfolio state agency team. The above referenced Water Resilience Portfolio website lists other public engagement opportunities and can also be used to submit information and comments.