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## Strategic Vision Overview

Based upon [AB 2376 \(Huffman\)](#), the California Natural Resources Agency convened a cabinet-level executive committee to develop a strategic vision for the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the California Fish and Game Commission (F&GC). To assist in developing the strategic vision, a blue ribbon citizen commission ([BRCC](#)) and a stakeholder advisory group ([SAG](#)) are advising and supporting the executive committee.

For additional information, [click here](#).

The interim strategic vision for California's fish and wildlife agencies was released to the public on Feb. 24. In accordance with AB 2376 (Huffman, 2010), the interim strategic vision aims to help set the stage for DFG and F&GC to successfully tackle the challenges of the 21st Century. The final strategic vision is expected to be completed by April 20, 2012.

The interim strategic vision and accompanying background information is available [here](#).

## Recent Meeting Highlights

### **BRCC/SAG Meeting - March 1**

The BRCC and SAG met on March 1 in Sacramento, and via teleconference and WebEx, to receive and discuss a DFG mandates presentation and to discuss potential recommendations in four topic areas in preparation for the following week's workshops. The topics included

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F&GC function and structure, funding and efficiencies, statutes and regulations, and mandates. By the end of the meeting the group had identified key information needs that would enhance the quality of the dialogue at the workshops; staff committed to providing the information if available.

### **BRCC/SAG Workshops - March 8-9**

Four topic-specific workshops were held on March 8 and 9 in Sacramento, and via teleconference and WebEx. The workshops focused on funding and efficiencies, statutes and regulations, mandates, and F&GC function and structure. All four workshops resulted in potential recommendations for consideration during the March 15 BRCC and SAG meetings. Two additional recommendations were drafted; one related to an ongoing stakeholder advisory group, and the other, a request for DFG and F&GC to provide a report by June 2013 on progress in implementing the recommendations in the strategic vision.

### **SAG Meeting - March 15**

The SAG met the morning of March 15 in Sacramento, and via teleconference and WebEx, to discuss the outcomes from the March 8-9 topic-specific workshops and potential recommendations that resulted. A number of recommendations were determined ready to move forward for consideration by the executive committee, others were determined to need a small amount of editing by SAG volunteers, and several were determined to need additional work and/or discussion before members would consider suggesting them to the executive committee. All potential recommendations will be presented at the final SAG meeting on March 28.

### **BRCC Meeting - March 15**

The BRCC met the afternoon of March 15 in Sacramento, and via teleconference and WebEx, to discuss the outcomes from the topic-specific workshops, the morning SAG meeting, and potential recommendations. BRCC members generally supported the direction SAG members were heading with the various potential recommendations, with a few exceptions that the BRCC may discuss in further detail on March 30.

## Next Steps

As the CFWSV Project nears the completion of its final phase, SAG and BRCC members will hold their final

meetings March 28 and 30, respectively, to complete and confirm a final set of recommendations to be considered by the executive committee at its April 9 meeting. The final strategic vision and accompanying recommendations are expected to be completed and delivered to the California State Legislature and Governor on April 20.

As part of a transition from the CFWSV Project, DFG has announced its intent to update its strategic plan, during which it will address issues raised during the strategic vision process as well as seek additional input from stakeholders. Topics previously slated for the strategic vision process that will be handled by DFG in its strategic planning effort include, but are not limited to:

- the name and mission statement of DFG,
- enforcement,
- partnerships,
- science, and
- statutes and regulations.

If you would like to remain updated on these efforts, please click [here](#) to sign up for the DFG news list server.

## Calendar of Events

### **March 28 - April 20**

The BRCC, SAG, and executive committee will hold meetings to complete and adopt a final strategic vision. These meetings are open to the public and simultaneously webcast on the day of the meeting; agendas are posted at least a week in advance, and meeting materials are posted as soon as they become available.

Details of each meeting, including locations and agendas are available [on the project website](#). Meeting dates, times, and topics are as follows:

#### **March 28**

9:00 a.m. (meeting may last up to 4 hours)

SAG Meeting

Topic: Finalize recommendations for consideration in the strategic vision.

#### **March 30**

1:00 p.m. (meeting may last up to 4 hours)

BRCC Meeting

Topic: Discuss outcomes from March 28 SAG meeting and finalize recommendations for consideration in the strategic vision.

### **April 9**

1:00 p.m. (meeting may last up to 4 hours)

Executive Committee Meeting

Topic: Potentially adopt a final strategic vision and receive the barriers to implementation report.

### **April 20**

Strategic vision expected to be delivered to the California State Legislature and Governor.

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