

# Establishing State Water Supply Targets to Make Generational Change



A reliable water supply is critical to every aspect of California's economy and the quality of life for all Californians. Despite decades of efforts to improve the water system, California's infrastructure remains inadequate to meet present needs and is woefully unprepared to meet future needs. To combat this impending collision course, water agencies across California are urging the State to establish targets to ensure our water supply for future generations.

While the State, water agencies, and the public have embraced water conservation, reuse, and recycling, more is needed. We must do more to improve our water supply so that it is reliable and adequate for a 21st century climate and a population of 40 million.



***“So much of the water conversation in this State has been about conservation, a scarcity mindset,”*** Governor Gavin Newsom has said. ***“What we are focusing on is creating more supply. We are focusing on creating more water.”***

## Benefits of Statewide Water Supply Targets

For California's highest priorities — housing, health care, climate change, and education — the State has established specific targets designed to improve the lives of the residents of California. SB 366 (Caballero) creates targets set in statute for the State's most pressing priority and critical resource, a long-term and reliable water supply.

### **TARGETS CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY**

Targets set in SB 366 generate a commitment from the State, the water community, and stakeholders to follow through on comprehensive, long-term water supply solutions that will transform water management.

By creating accountability, the State, the water community, and stakeholders are well positioned to meet the established water supply targets.

### **TARGETS REQUIRE THE STATE DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Setting targets will require the State to develop a comprehensive plan with specific timelines, which will require a corresponding implementation plan and funding, holding policymakers, current and future administrations, and stakeholders accountable.

# Targets Have Been Successful in Other Sectors — It's Time to Do the Same for Water

California has a long and successful track record of setting targets through legislation in several sectors to establish desired change benefitting the State, residents, and businesses, including:



## CLIMATE

By 2045, achieve net-zero carbon pollution:

- Cut air pollution by 71%
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85%
- Drop gas consumption by 94%



## ENERGY

By 2045, use 100% clean electricity:

- Triple our current electricity grid capacity
- Build 6 gigawatts of new renewable and storage resources annually



## HOUSING

By 2030, build 2.5 million new housing units (1 million of which are affordable)



## WORKFORCE

- By 2030, ensure there are enough jobs for all Californians who want to work
- By 2030, double the share of workers who have access to benefits



## TRANSPORTATION

- By 2035, all new cars sold in CA will be zero-emission vehicles
- By 2050, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 emissions levels



## EDUCATION

By 2026, have 100% of students able to read by the third grade



The State needs additional water supply. Immediate action is required and it is incumbent upon policymakers to get California's water supply on the right track to preserve the California way of life, support economic vitality, and fulfill generational responsibility. **It's time for collaboration and solutions through SB 366. All Californians and future generations depend on it.**

[CA Water for All](#) is a statewide education effort seeking to educate policymakers on the urgent need for a legislative solution to immediately address California's ongoing water supply threat. The path forward requires bringing together the water community, policymakers, and stakeholders to collaborate on ensuring that we have enough water for all beneficial uses and to support all Californians and future generations.



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