2021 State Climate Adaptation Strategy
Building Resilience and Reducing Risks

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Public Overview
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California state agencies are statutorily required to release an updated comprehensive state strategy every three years (AB 1482, Gordon, 2015).

Previous strategies were released in 2009, 2014, and 2018.
The 2021 update will deliver a framework for action:

1. Set strategic direction for actors, sectors, and regions across California
2. Outline specific and timebound actions
3. Increase accountability through goals and metrics
Nesting Existing Efforts
Addressing Gaps
Stakeholder Engagement
Priorities

The Strategy should drive action toward critical priorities:

- Strengthen protections for climate vulnerable communities
- Protect public health and safety in the event of climate disasters
- Reduce climate risks to California’s economy
- Help nature adapt to climate change, and accelerate nature-based solutions
- Make decisions based on best available climate science
- Leverage resources for climate action through partnerships and collaboration
Outcomes will advance multiple Administration priorities and reinforce California’s values.

For Example:
• **PRIORITY**: Strengthen protections for climate vulnerable communities

• **GOAL**: Facilitate public and private investments that reduce risks for climate-vulnerable communities

• **ACTION**: Develop a tool to map climate vulnerable communities by X date.
Approach

Our approach reflects the Administration’s broader effort to integrate and coordinate existing adaptation efforts.

Utilizing the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program as a resilience coordination hub

Pulling the pieces together so that our overarching strategy is easily understood.

Accelerating strategic implementation
Timeline

Q1: Launch interagency coordination and stakeholder engagement
Q2: Draft strategy released
Q3: Finalize strategy
Questions

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