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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](#).

## Recent Meeting Highlights

### **BRCC/SAG Meeting - Feb. 3**

The BRCC and SAG met on Feb. 3 in Sacramento, and via teleconference and WebEx to review potential recommended revisions to the draft interim strategic vision, and discuss potential recommendations for the interim strategic vision. SAG members in attendance indicated that they could live with approximately 20 recommendations moving forward for potential inclusion in the interim strategic vision; those recommendations were forwarded to the BRCC and executive committee.

### **BRCC Meeting - Feb. 6**

The BRCC met on Feb. 6 in Sacramento, and via teleconference and WebEx to review and discuss suggested revisions to the draft interim strategic vision and potential recommendations for the interim strategic vision. The BRCC adopted most of the recommendations

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forwarded by SAG members from the Feb. 3 meeting and adopted six additional recommendations for consideration by the executive committee.

### **Executive Committee Meeting - Feb. 16**

The executive committee met on Feb. 16 in Sacramento to receive recommendations from the BRCC and SAG. The executive committee unanimously adopted an interim strategic vision for California's fish and wildlife agencies. The strategic vision aims to guide DFG and F&GC in addressing the challenges they face in the 21st Century. Examples of the approved recommendations include ensuring the successful recruitment and retention of fish and game wardens, establishing a wildlife crimes prosecutorial task force, increasing formal and informal partnerships, removing some permitting barriers to habitat restoration projects, and showing in a transparent way that DFG and F&GC decisions are informed by credible science.

In addition at this meeting, DFG Director, Chuck Bonham, announced that this spring DFG will begin a strategic planning effort where many of the issues raised and addressed during the strategic vision process will be discussed.

### **CFWSV Interim Strategic Vision Released Feb. 24**

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 document and accompanying background information is available [here](#).

Public comment on the document is encouraged, and is requested by March 12, 2012 by email to [StrategicVision@resources.ca.gov](mailto:StrategicVision@resources.ca.gov).

### **Next Steps**

The CFWSV Project will enter its last phase starting March 1 with completion anticipated for early April. In

this third phase of the project, a final report will be produced with additional recommendations to address long-term issues that face DFG and F&GC. As the project moves forward, BRCC and SAG members will complete a final set of recommendations for consideration by the executive committee for a final strategic vision and accompanying recommendations. In addition to the CFWSV Project, DFG has announced its intent to update its strategic plan during which it will seek input from stakeholders.

Topics to be discussed by the BRCC and SAG in phase 3 are expected to be:

- the role, name and membership of the F&GC,
- funding and efficiencies,
- statutes and regulations, and
- mandates.

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 and integrated resource management (IRM),
- science, and
- statutes and regulations.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **March 1 - March 31**

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 1**

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

BRCC / SAG Meeting

Topic: California Department of Fish and Game

mandates presentation and discussion of the elements of four topic areas (the California Fish and Game Commission, funding and efficiencies, statutes and regulations, and mandates).

**March 8-9**

9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (each may last up to 3 hours)

Topic-specific Workshops

Topics: California Fish and Game Commission, funding and efficiencies, statutes and regulations, and mandates.

**March 15**

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

SAG Meeting

Topic: Discuss outcomes from topic-specific workshops and potential recommendations.

**March 15**

1:30 p.m. (meeting may last up to 4 hours)

BRCC Meeting

Topic: Discuss outcomes from topic-specific workshops, outcomes of March 15 SAG meeting and potential recommendations.

**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: Final strategic vision and barriers to implementation report.

**April 20**

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

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