

CBDA DRINKING WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Revised Draft Goal and Objectives

From Strategic Plan Workshop, 1/15/04

Program Goal

Original Revised Goal Statement:

Advance efforts to provide¹ safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water to municipal water suppliers and customers² relying on waters from the Delta watershed³ through cost-effective continuous improvement to source water quality, water management, and treatment⁴.

New Revised Goal Statement:

Safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water for the millions of Californians² who rely on waters from the Delta³ for all or a part of their drinking water.

Notes:

1. There was a comment that the goal would be stronger without a verb, since we should be trying to state our endpoint, not what we are doing.
2. Several commenters mentioned that they didn't believe it was the role of the Program to provide drinking water to municipal water suppliers. Rather, the focus of the Program should be on the consumers.
3. Several commenters stated that the reference to the Delta watershed was over-reaching and might set up an expectation that the Program would start supporting areas with groundwater quality issues, without a direct link to the Delta as the drinking water source.
4. There was a comment that there is only continuous improvement to source water quality and not necessarily to treatment. There was a suggestion that we could specify in the objectives the tools that we would be using to achieve the goal.

Program Objectives

Original Source Water

- Reduce concentrations and variability of constituents of concern affecting drinking water quality in source waters.

Revised Source Water

- Reduce concentrations and variability of constituents of concern affecting drinking water quality through continuous and cost-effective improvements to source water quality⁵.

5. Folds in the idea from the original goal statement of “continuous and cost-effective.”

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Original Water Management

- Reduce concentrations and variability of constituents of concern affecting drinking water quality at Delta drinking water intakes and at treatment plants through improved operations at the state, regional and/or local level.

Revised Water Management

- Reduce concentrations and variability of constituents of concern affecting drinking water quality at Delta drinking water intakes and at treatment plants through improved water management at the state, regional and/or local level. Water management actions include conveyance, storage, demand management, and other operational approaches⁶.

⁶ Folds in the concept of demand management (water use efficiency).

Revised Treatment and Distribution

- Reduce concentrations of constituents of concern in delivered water to reduce public health risks and improve taste and odor.

New Affordability

- Consider and address the social and economic impacts of all proposed actions to ensure equity to stakeholders.

Cost-Effectiveness

- Optimize the investment in drinking water quality improvements considering responsible financial management, the availability of funds, and the opportunities to secure additional funds.

Coordination and Communication

- Improve coordination with other programs and projects to identify opportunities for water quality benefits and minimize or eliminate impacts to drinking water.
- Improve outreach and education to increase public understanding of the DWQ Program, improve confidence in tap water quality, increase participation by affected water users (including vulnerable populations), and enlist help in improving and protecting source water quality.
- **NEW**: Support the development and implementation of local and regional water quality planning which employs the tools identified in the ELPH diagram.