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The Draft Strategic Plan looks very good and is much improved over earlier versions.

Although there are elements to address groundwater recharge through stormwater management and LID, the protection and enhancement of groundwater recharge should be given more explicit emphasis in the Strategic Plan:

Add an Objective 3.4: Maintain and enhance recharge of high quality water to groundwater basins.

1. Develop land use policies to identify and protect natural recharge capabilities.
2. Manage overlying land uses to ensure high quality of recharge water.
3. Encourage the use of programs and projects to restore and enhance groundwater recharge.

The need for collaboration with other agencies is identified in the Goals and Values, but should also be more explicitly reflected in the Plan, itself:

Add a Goal 9: Ensure that Water Boards work closely to collaborate with federal, state and local agencies to agree on common goals and coordinated approaches for water resource protection and management.

1. Establish formal working relationships with DWR, DFG, and other state agencies to resolve inconsistencies and overlaps among objectives and the efforts of state agencies with regard to water management.
2. Provide financial, legislative, and administrative support for local and regional agencies in implementing water resource management and protection programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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