

What Is the Environmental Goals and Policy Report (EGPR)?

The Governor is required to prepare a comprehensive State Environmental Goals and Policy Report. The report must contain:

- A long-range (20-30 year) overview of state growth and development.
- A statement of approved state environmental goals and objectives, including those directed to land use, population growth and distribution, development, conservation of natural resources, and air and water quality.
- A description of new and revised state policies, programs, and other actions of the executive and legislative branches required to implement the approved goals.

The goals included in the EGPR must be consistent with the three state planning priorities established under AB 857 (Wiggins), which are intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety in the state, including in urban, suburban, and rural communities. These priorities are to:

- Promote infill development and equity.
- Protect environmental and agricultural resources.
- Encourage efficient development patterns.

The EGPR will:

- Have a broad focus, addressing issues related to the environment, the economy, and equity.
- Serve as a basis for decisions about the design, location, and priority of major public programs, capital projects and other actions, including the allocation of state resources.
- Guide the development of state functional plans.
- Address the policies, programs, and expenditures of state government only.
- Strive to bring consistency to state policies, programs, and expenditures.
- Build on existing research, reports, and recommendations, including the work of the Commission on Building for the 21st Century, the Speaker's Commission on Regionalism, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Protection Indicators for California (EPIC) project, the Resource Agency's Legacy Project, and the California Economic Strategy Panel.
- Be developed through an inclusive and collaborative process, utilizing advisory and working groups consisting of state agency staff, a broad range of private stakeholders, and the general public.