

# PORTFOLIO RECOMMENDATIONS GROUP

September 19, 2019

To Governor Gavin Newsom,

This report responds to the request in your Executive Order Number N-10-19 calling for public input for your Water Resilience Portfolio.

An entirely ad hoc, unsponsored effort, called the Portfolio Recommendations Group, brought together opinion leaders from state and local governments, urban water agencies, environmental groups, irrigation districts, environmental justice groups, fire leaders, flood agencies, businesses and watershed groups.

We had two objectives. The first was to identify recommendations that have broad support. The second, equally important, objective was to build and foster relationships among diverse parties that do not usually, if ever, speak directly with each other.

We started by creating a website ([portfoliorecgroup.org](http://portfoliorecgroup.org)) where anyone could post recommendations. These are found in their un-edited, un-vetted form in the menu ('Unfiltered Recommendations') on the website.

Next, the group broke into subgroups to identify the top-tier potential recommendations in six categories: Human Right to Water, Diverse Water Supplies, Healthy Waterways, Climate Resilient Watersheds, Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta, and Groundwater. They were refined by the subgroups. See Attachment 1.

While some recommendations may address the current and emerging water needs of vulnerable communities, others should be developed and refined through conversations with representatives of those communities to reflect their needs. In the time available, there were many other very important issues that the group just could not address. Nonetheless, important progress was made.

Individuals or organizations who support recommendations of one or more subgroups are noted in the Attachment 2 broken down by the six subgroups.

We believe that much progress was also made on the second objective, building and fostering relationships among diverse parties that do not usually, if ever, speak directly with each other. It would be worthwhile to find ways to continue this type of meaningful dialogue. That would be useful for creating additional areas of agreement as well as assisting the Administration to actually implement the recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the other participants if you would like to discuss this work and how the dialogue can be continued.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonas Minton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1—PRG Recommendations
- Attachment 2—PRG Sign-on

**Cc:**

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