

California Water Plan 2009



Wednesday's Update



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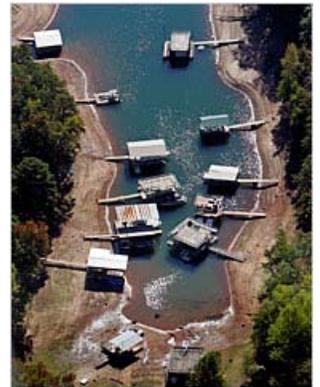
This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

More than 150 attend first Plenary Meeting

More than 150 people attended the first California Water Plan Plenary Session on Monday and Tuesday in Sacramento. On Day 1, participants discussed sustainability, water quality, climate change, water planning scenarios and incorporation of flood management into the overall Water Plan. On Day 2, small groups provided advice on how to incorporate Day 1 topics into the resource management strategies used for water planning. Some meeting materials are already on the Water Plan Web site [here](#); there will be more.

Georgia on brink of drying up; New York Times highlights planning

As Georgia's drought becomes more grave, Gov. Sonny Perdue has declared a state of emergency for more than half the state and asked for federal assistance. The state has not yet restricted indoor water use or cut back on major commercial and industrial users, a step that could cause a significant loss of jobs. A New York Times' story this week shows how these last-minute measures belie a history of inaction in Georgia and across the South when it comes to managing and conserving water, even in the face of rapid growth.



Low levels this month at Lake Lanier, which supplies water to Atlanta. The Southeast has been slow to respond to its drought.

The state has not yet come up with an estimate of how much water is available during periods of normal rainfall, much less a plan to handle the worst-case event — dry faucets. [Read the story.](#)

Visitors from Japan translate California Water Plan Update

When six Japanese water engineers visited the Department of Water Resources last February, Manager of Statewide Water Planning Kamyar Guivetchi briefed them on the water plan. He noticed they were following along with a Japanese document. They had translated the executive summary into Japanese. The water plan now has a copy of the document and can be found [here](#).

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