

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.

SWAN activities updated on Water Plan Web site

The Water Plan SWAN (Statewide Water Analysis Network) [Web page](#) has been updated to highlight Update 2009 SWAN activities, including comments received on the WEAP (Water Evaluation and Planning system) proposal discussed at our Dec. 10 workshop.

National Geographic asks: 'What happens when there's no water left to manage?'

National Geographic Online has published an extensive report on the Colorado River and what its dwindling flow means to the Southwest, including Southern California. "The American West was won by water management," the article opens. It then asks: "What happens when there's no water left to manage?"

The 5,000-word piece by Robert Kunzig goes into rich detail about the drought in the Colorado Basin. He writes about water data from tree rings -- revealing water data from AD 762 to the present. [Read the article.](#)



Georgia professors examine collaboration on water issues in five states

A paper examining collaboration on water issues in Georgia, compared to California, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas has been posted on our Web site. Two associate professors, Susan Raines and Tim Heeden, of Kennesaw State University, Georgia, report that each of the states has experimented with collaborative efforts to improve the management of water resources. "The approach taken in each state," the paper explains, "reflects the history of resource management in that state, as well as the political and ecological conditions found locally." [Read more.](#)

Floodplain managers publish review of policies and programs

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) has published its *National Flood Policies and Programs in Review - 2007*. Its purpose is to identify how we can improve national flood policies and programs to reduce flood damage and protect natural resources of our floodplains. It contains ideas and recommendations for making those improvements. [It can be found here.](#)

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