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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.

Paper focuses on irrigation practices around the state

The Journal of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering has published an article by a UC Davis biometeorology expert, R.L. Snyder, and two DWR water planners, Morteza Orang and former staffer Scott Matyac about how California growers irrigate their crops. Reliable information



on irrigation methods is important for determining agricultural water demand trends. The paper was based on a questionnaire mailed to 10,000 California growers. [You can find the paper here.](#)

International climate change panel publishes water report

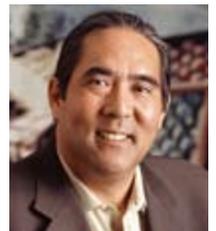
The World Meteorological Organization's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has published a paper on climate change and water. Pierre Stephens, a DWR water supply expert, commented that the paper offers "useful perspective and reference" when discussing the water plan. According to the report: "Observational records and climate projections provide abundant evidence that freshwater resources are vulnerable and have the potential to be strongly impacted by climate change, with wide-ranging consequences on human societies and ecosystems." [Read more.](#)

DWR cosponsors public meeting about Prop. 50 IRWM grants

The Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board have scheduled a public meeting May 8 in Sacramento to inform the public about Proposition 50, Round 2, Step 2, Draft Funding Recommendations. Prop. 50 enables grants to qualified applicants for Integrated Regional Water Management. [Read more here.](#)

Ag chief's column relevant to water plan's food security issues

A.G. Kawamura, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, has written a Web column about the Delta Vision effort. As Kamyar Guivetchi, DWR's manager of statewide water planning points out, the column "makes reference to the world food security and water that pertain to the California Water Plan." [You can find Kawamura's column here.](#)



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