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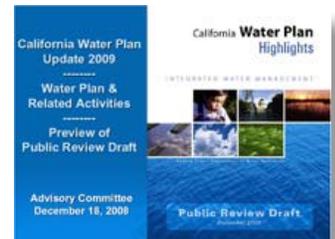
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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

Public can preview a draft of Water Plan Update 2009 Highlights

A draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009 Highlights is now available for public preview on the [Water Plan website](#). This executive summary will be previewed by the Water Plan Advisory Committee during its public meeting tomorrow. If you attend the meeting, the registration fee is \$15, which includes lunch. [Meeting details and materials can be found here](#).



DWR awards \$4.3 million in groundwater grants

DWR announced today groundwater grants to 25 agencies statewide as part of its Proposition 84 Local Groundwater Assistance Program. Agencies will use the money to study, monitor, and manage groundwater. [Read more](#).

Delta smelt protection affects SWP water supplies

DWR estimates that a [new Biological Opinion](#) for Delta smelt will cut State Water Project deliveries in an average year by 20 to 30 percent, and in certain dry years up to 50 percent. The opinion was released Monday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The restrictions in the opinion replace interim measures put in place by federal Judge Oliver Wanger in December 2007. [Read DWR Director Lester Snow's response](#).

44th edition of State Water Project report now online

Management of the California State Water Project, an annual DWR report, is now online. Bulletin 132 is a series of reports that describe the status of State Water Project operations and water deliveries. Each annual report updates information regarding project costs and financing, water supply planning, power operations, and significant events that affect the management of the State Water Project. [Read the bulletin here](#).

Learn about DWR and water topics in online 'Aquacasts'

The Department of Water Resources has produced several audio podcasts on some 30 water-related topics. You can listen to these Aquacasts on most computers and on MP3 players. In the DWR collection, [found here](#), you can hear an explanation of the Delta Protection Commission, salmon migration, climate change, or one of more than 30 others topics.



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