

# 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 Scenario Workshop next Wednesday**

The Statewide Water Analysis Network (SWAN) workshop will be held on Wednesday Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Sacramento. DWR staff will present narrative scenarios and initial model results for Water Plan Update 2009. The objective of this workshop is to review preliminary Water Evaluation and Planning (WEAP) model results and consider ways to present the future scenarios and associated water demands and supplies in Update 2009. The agenda is posted [here](#).

### **Volumes 1, 2 & 3 of Water Plan's Public Review Draft online**

The public review draft of Volumes 1, 2 and 3 of the California Water Plan are [now available online](#). Workshops on the draft will begin later this month and will be scheduled through May. Comments about the draft are due by June 5. [Click here](#) for an informational flier.

### **Snow Survey reveals water content 61% of normal**

DWR's [second snow survey](#) of the winter indicates snow water content is 61 percent of normal for the date, statewide. DWR Director Lester Snow said that the low precipitation in January and snowpack results from the Jan. 29 survey indicate California is heading for a third dry year. "We may be at the start of the worst California drought in modern history. It's imperative for Californians to conserve water immediately at home and in their businesses." [More here](#).



### **IRWM Grant Program guidelines now available**

The draft guidelines for the Integrated Regional Water Management - Region Acceptance Process (RAP) have been [posted](#) on the DWR web site. DWR's IRWM Grant Program encourages development of integrated regional strategies for management of water resources by providing funding through competitive grants.

### **New federal report on climate change and water sector**

*Climate Change and Water Resources Management: A Federal Perspective*, published this month, explores strategies to improve water management by tracking, anticipating, and responding to climate change. The U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration co-authored the report [available here](#).

### **Civil Engineers give nation's levees a D-**

ASCE released the grades for 15 categories of infrastructure and solutions for their improvement. They project \$2.2 trillion in repairs and upgrades will be needed over the next five years to meet adequate conditions. The grade for levees is a D-. Overall, the nation's infrastructure is again a D. [Read the report here](#).

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