

# 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.

### **New Strategic Growth Council meets Feb. 17**

The State's Strategic Growth Council will hold its first meeting on Feb. 17 at CalEPA in Sacramento. The Strategic Growth Council is a cabinet-level committee composed of agency secretaries that is charged to coordinate the implementation of the California Strategic Growth Plan and, as part of a broader portfolio, to restore and expand the state's levees and water supply systems. [Agenda and more information here](#). Link to [live webcast](#). Webcasts are not archived.

### **Appendices added to Water Plan's Regional Reports**

Appendices to Volume 3, Regional Reports, will be rolled out this week. The appendices include flood information, water quality



issues and region-specific information. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 and the appendices of the California Water Plan are [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.

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

The draft guidelines for the Integrated Regional Water Management Program's 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.

### **Watershed Grant Solicitation Draft Guidelines**

The Department of Conservation, Statewide Watershed Program is seeking public review and comment on Draft Guidelines for the upcoming Watershed Coordinator Grant Solicitation. These guidelines will be finalized only after consideration of all comments received during the comment period, which closes March 6, 2009. [Read more here](#).

### **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. [More here](#).



### **Water awareness theme of new DWR PSA for HDTV**

DWR released "A Good Reflection," a thirty-second Public Service Announcement available in English and Spanish that helps create awareness of how vital water is to everything. Its goal is to encourage all Californians to conserve and protect the water we have in our care. [Watch the video here](#).

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