

# 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.

### Workshop on Ag Lands Stewardship set for March 12

The California Water Plan team will hold an Agriculture Lands Stewardship Resource Management Strategy workshop on Thursday, March 12, from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. You can attend at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S St., 1st Floor, Sacramento, or listen and view via conference call and webinar link. [Workshop meeting materials and call-in information can be found here.](#)

### DWR schedules Delta 'scoping' meetings statewide

DWR has scheduled 12 scoping meetings throughout California to share the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) environmental review process and to solicit comments from the public, agencies, and tribes about the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). [You can download the meeting schedule here.](#) The meetings also will provide an opportunity to discuss the status of the BDCP. The open house will allow you to visit issue-focused stations and to submit your comments. You can find more information on the BDCP EIR/EIS on DWR's [Delta initiatives website.](#)

#### What is a scoping meeting?

The purpose of the scoping process is to determine the scope of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Statement (EIS) to ensure that issues are identified early and properly studied. The result of scoping is to ensure that the draft EIR/EIS produced for public review and comment is thorough and balanced.

Scoping should identify concerns of both the agencies and the affected public and should clearly define the environmental issues and alternatives to be examined in the EIR/EIS. If there are important environmental or social impacts that the public wants considered, the place to raise these issues is at a scoping meeting.

### Tribal meetings about water set for next month

The first three 2009 Regional Tribal Water Plenaries, part of the California Water Plan Update 2009, are scheduled for Kern County next week on March 4, Redwood Valley on March 10, and Temecula on March 24. [Details will be posted here.](#) These meetings are designed to generate tribal water issues for the 2009 California Tribal Water Summit on Aug. 26 and 27 in Sacramento.

### Presentations from ag and water workshop now online

Last Jan. 26, DWR and the University of California presented a workshop on "Linking Climate Change Impacts on Evapotranspiration and Agricultural Production to Water Resources Decision Making: Strengthening the ties between DWR and UC." Now all of the presentations are available online. [You can find them here.](#)

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Upcoming Meetings

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