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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.

Are you ready to ration? Here's some help

DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are sponsoring three free workshops to help agencies prepare for water shortages. The workshops are aimed at elected officials, general managers, drought team leaders or water conservation staff. Sessions will address how to assemble the necessary resources, how to gather data needed to understand how customers use water, how to crunch the numbers, and how to establish fair water rationing. The all-day workshops will be held next Monday, March 16, in San Jose, next Wednesday, March 18, in Santa Rosa and on Monday, March 23, in Chino. [Find details here.](#)



Sessions set to air draft rules for AB 1420 funding

DWR has scheduled two workshops for those who would like to comment on a recently released draft set of rules for urban water suppliers who want loans or grants for water management projects under AB 1420. Water management grants and loans include projects for surface water or groundwater storage, recycling, desalination, water conservation, water supply reliability and water supply augmentation. The workshops are scheduled for Friday, March 20, in Sacramento and on Wednesday, March 25, in Los Angeles. [Find details here.](#)

Two workshops will focus on urban water conservation

The Water Education Foundation is sponsoring two day-long workshops about urban water conservation. The workshops — one in San Francisco on April 16, the other in Irvine on April 23 — will bring together experts from local water agencies, cities, state government and others to provide insight into legal and rate-increase issues related to water cutbacks and insights on how to reduce customer water use through mandatory and voluntary measures. The fee for the workshop is \$195. [You can find more details here.](#)



Workshops deal with climate change laws

Six workshops offer what local governments need to know about climate change laws. Sponsored by the state Local Government Commission, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Sen. Darrell Steinberg, the day-long workshops will cover how climate change laws — AB 32 and SB 375 — relate to local government. The workshops will also cover economic benefits, funding opportunities and model programs. [You can find workshop dates, locations and other information here.](#)



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Upcoming Meetings

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