

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.

DWR begins monthly Drought Bulletin with up-to-date information

DWR has begun publishing the Drought Bulletin, a monthly update to the state's water conditions. It includes up-to-date hydrologic conditions, figures and graphs on runoff, reservoir storage, precipitation, groundwater. As of April, according to the bulletin, runoff for this water year is expected to be much lower than average for the third year in a row, and drought conditions remain serious across the state. [You can find it here.](#)



5 regional workshops are on the schedule this week and next

Five regional workshops about the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009 will be this week and next. The workshops will be held:

- Thursday (tomorrow), May 7, in Merced for the San Joaquin River Region
- Friday, May 8, in Visalia for the Tulare Lake Region
- Monday, May 11, in El Dorado Hills for the Mountain Counties Region
- Thursday, May 14, in Oroville for the Sacramento River Region
- Friday, May 15, in Susanville for the North Lahontan Region

DWR and 20 other State agencies invite the public to participate in the workshops and seek comment on the Public Review draft. The rest of the workshops will be held in May. [More details and region-specific agendas for these other workshops will be posted and available here.](#)

Save the date! June 16 for Water Plan workshop

A Water Plan workshop on scenarios, water portfolios and associated graphics will be held Tuesday, June 16 at the Bonderson Building Hearing Room, 901 P St., Sacramento. During the day-long session, participants will consider and comment on the representation of water use in Update 2009.

20x2020 conservation workshop planned for May 29 in Sacramento

The Governor's 20X2020 Agency Team on Water Conservation will conduct a workshop on Friday, May 29, to hear what the public thinks about its plan to conserve water in urban areas. In 2008 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called for a 20 percent reduction in per capita urban water use by 2020. The panel has produced a report titled **20x2020 Water Conservation Plan** and now seeks public comment on it. [Workshop details and the report can be found here.](#)

Groundwater info updated on DWR's drought website

Check out the updates to DWR's [drought website](#). The department's meteorologist Elissa Lynn said there were updates this week to groundwater and well information. Under "Current Conditions" click on the Groundwater tab. Also being updated this week are the sections on desalination, photos and funding.

Click on links below for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

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