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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.

Snow addresses "new reality of water management"

DWR director Lester Snow gave the keynote address at the final Water Plan plenary last Wednesday and Thursday. In his remarks, he talked about the challenges of managing a "much higher level of risk and uncertainty," given that "past hydrology and past performance of our water systems really are not an accurate indicator of where we're going to be in the future." Snow cited climate change as "fundamentally changing the shape of the hydrograph and changing the shape of overall weather patterns combined with our ever-evolving understanding of the health of ecosystems and what are needed to keep healthy ecosystems." The text of his prepared remarks and a video of his speech can be found [here](#), along with the pre-final drafts of the Water Plan Update 2009.

Landscape ordinance explained at workshops around the state

In their continuing series of workshops around the state to explain the new updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, DWR and the California Urban Water Conservation Council will hold a workshop in Chino, San Jose and Fresno next week. The ordinance requires cities and counties, including charter cities and charter counties, to adopt landscape water conservation ordinances by Jan. 1, 2010. Registration instructions are included in the [workshop announcement](#). A registration form to view a WEBCAST via the internet on Nov. 3 is [available here](#).

Secretary Chrisman articulates FloodSAFE nexus with BDCP

Natural Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman issued a memo on Oct. 7 to all participants and stakeholders to define how the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan are related and to "streamline our interactions so that they can provide meaningful input into the studies and programs." He noted that FloodSAFE staff facilitate communication among our State and federal partners. Chrisman also committed Resources and DWR to 12 integrated planning principles. [Read the text of the memo here.](#)

Water Information Management Symposium set for Nov. 17-19

The Western States Water Council and the Department of Water Resources will hold a Water Information Management Symposium in San Diego on Nov. 17-19 with a special focus on climate change adaptation. The agenda includes panels on climate change adaptation, emerging drinking water contaminants, and climate activities at the state level on the first day. Remote sensing applications, ecosystem and fishery implications and monitoring and data needs will be addressed on the second day. Finally, the symposium wraps up with workshops on research programs and adaptation planning and projects. The [agenda](#) includes registration information.

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