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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.

DWR announces approval of IRWM regions

DWR has approved the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Region Acceptance Process (RAP) final recommendations. [The final RAP recommendations and associated materials \(review summaries, individual RAP documents, and maps\) are posted here.](#) DWR received 46 RAP proposals, approved 36 regions and conditionally approved 10 regions. Draft RAP Recommendations were released on Sept. 1. DWR received 57 comment letters as well as oral comments during three workshops. [The comments are posted here.](#) Acceptance and approval of an IRWM region into the IRWM grant program will be required before any region can submit an application for IRWM grant funds.

DWR releases Drought Bulletin for November

DWR on Monday released its latest drought bulletin. [You can find it here.](#) It provides an update to California's water conditions. As we near the beginning of winter, reservoirs have typically reached their lowest levels after summer demands. An unseasonably early wet October did not significantly reduce our water supply deficit. As of Nov. 23, rainfall in the northern Sierra was only 29 percent of the average for November. During the same period, precipitation in the San Joaquin basin was 13 percent of the average for November.

State Water Project initial allocation set at 5% of contracted water

The Department of Water Resources on Tuesday announced an initial allocation of 5 percent of total contracted water deliveries to State Water Project contractors for 2010. Five percent is the lowest initial allocation percentage since the SWP began delivering water in 1967. [Read more.](#)

CalFIRE forest and range assessment workshop next Tuesday

CalFIRE will conduct a workshop/Webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S. St., Sacramento, to discuss 2010 Forest and Range Assessment. Part of the assessment will identify watersheds where continued forest conservation and management is important to the future supply of clean municipal drinking water, or where restoration or protection activities will improve or restore a critical water source. Meeting, phone-in and web information is available [here.](#)

Water modeling forum plans annual meeting in February

The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum will hold its 16th Annual Meeting from Monday, Feb. 22 through Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. The theme of the 2010 Annual Meeting is "Modeling in the Eye of the Storm" and the program includes more than 20 technical sessions, including one on California Water Plan Update 2009, and Ellen Hanak of the Public Policy Institute of California in her keynote will discuss the economics of Delta facilities. [You can find more information here.](#)

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Upcoming Meetings

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