

# 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.

### **March Drought Bulletin reports precip in February 'slightly' below normal**

DWR has posted the [March Drought Bulletin](#). It reports that precipitation through Feb. 22 is slightly below average February rainfall and repeats that "the current drought period beginning in 2007, has left a significant deficit in our reservoir's carry-over supplies." Although recent January storms raised reservoir levels a little, major reservoirs are well below the historical averages for end of January storage.

### **Register online for Biodiversity Council meeting to be held next Wednesday and Thursday**

Integrated water management in California is the subject of a two-day session of the California Biodiversity Council, next Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11, in Fairfield/Suisun. The session will include a tour and a meeting. If you have questions, contact Lauren McNees at (916) 445-5845 or Sherry Cooper at (530) 752-1581. [Register and find agendas here.](#)

### **Public listening sessions set for implementation of 2009 Water Conservation Act**

DWR has scheduled public listening sessions regarding implementation of two projects as part of the 2009 Water Conservation Act or Senate Bill X7 7. The first will be in Sacramento next Monday, March 8, the second in Los Angeles on Wednesday, March 10. These first listening session will focus on the Urban Baseline Technical Methodologies and a Method for Calculating Urban Water Use Reduction Targets requirements of the Water Conservation Act of 2009. [Read more.](#)

### **2009 Tribal Water Summit proceedings are now available online**

The [2009 California Tribal Water Summit proceedings](#) are now available. About 300 people attended the Summit, including leaders and representatives from 66 California Native American Tribes, 15 tribal organizations, 13 State agencies, and eight federal agencies. Discussion focused on tribal water rights; rivers, dams, and fish; watersheds; and water as sacred. The proceedings, along with the [2008 Working Draft Tribal Communication Plan](#) will be included in the Update 2009 Reference Guide, and the Update 2009 Highlights will include a second CD with all of the Tribal Summit and Tribal Communication materials, including a series of briefing papers and tribal water stories.

### **Report about WEAP pilot project for Update 2009 posted**

One of the pilot projects for Water Plan Update 2009 is the development of a more detailed application of the Water and Evaluation and Planning System (WEAP) model to the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River hydrologic regions. The report, "Integrated Scenario Analysis for the 2009 California Water Plan Update" [is available for download here.](#)

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