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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 publishes contingency plan for California drought

DWR has published the California Drought Contingency Plan and it [is available here](#). The 90-page plan contains strategies and actions State agencies can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from droughts. The purpose of the plan is to minimize the effects of drought by improving agency coordination; enhancing monitoring and early warning capabilities; water shortage impact assessments; and preparedness, response, and recovery programs.



European Union establishes Water Framework Directive

The EU Water Framework Directive establishes a legal framework to protect and restore clean water across Europe and ensure its long-term and sustainable use. It is an innovative approach for water management based on river basins, the natural geographical and hydrological units, and sets specific deadlines for Member States to achieve ambitious environmental objectives for aquatic ecosystems. A dozen fact sheets (or Waternotes) [posted here](#) give an overview of the implementation of the WFD, and [the full text of the directive is posted here](#).

ACWA's fall conference set for next week in Indian Wells

The Association of California Water Agencies will hold its Fall Conference & Exhibition next week from Tuesday, Nov. 30, to Friday, Dec. 3, in Indian Wells, near Palm Springs. [You can find conference details here](#).



DWR webinar next week focuses on Urban Water Management Plans

DWR has scheduled a webinar for next Tuesday, Nov. 30, to brief the public on changes to Urban Water Management Plan requirements and the 2010 UWMP process. [You can find details of the webinar here](#).

DWR posts webinar from Urban Stakeholder meeting held Nov. 19

DWR has posted a webinar from a Nov. 19 Urban Stakeholder Committee meeting on the development of a fourth method for calculating urban water use targets. [You can find it here](#) (may require software installation). DWR has asked for comments on the two new Method 4 alternatives by Dec. 10. [You can email comments here](#).

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