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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.

## Draft of water management plan guidebook made available for review

A draft of [The Guidebook to Assist Urban Water Suppliers to Prepare a 2010 Urban Water Management Plan](#) is now available on the Office of Water Use and Efficiency's Urban Water Management Plan website. A [public workshop](#) will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, in Sacramento. Details on submitting written comments are available [here](#).

## DWR activates online groundwater monitoring system

DWR has activated the online system for the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program. This gives agencies the ability to notify DWR of their intent to become a monitoring entity. Prospective monitoring entities must notify DWR of their intent by Saturday, Jan. 1. The online submittal system can be accessed through the [CASGEM](#) website.

## Report provides new vision for California agriculture

An effort that brought together agricultural, environmental, and nutritional experts, has led to the publication of [California Agricultural Vision: Strategies for Sustainability](#). The report compiled by American Farmland Trust includes a set of strategies to address the most critical challenges and assure the sustainability of California agriculture.



## Emergency water regulation in effect after receiving OAL approval

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has approved [DWR's emergency regulation](#) regarding the local water purveyors' deduction of industrial process water from their gross water calculation. This regulation will be in effect for 180 days. DWR will submit a permanent regulation for public and OAL review at the beginning of the new year.

## Date set for California Sustainability Indicator Symposium

Wednesday, Feb. 23, has been chosen as the date for the California Sustainability Indicators Symposium in Sacramento. It will be a chance to learn about sustainability efforts throughout the state. The full agenda and registration information will be available the first week in January on the [Sacramento River Watershed Program](#) website.

## USDA seeking water and conservation proposals to help farmers, ranchers

The USDA is seeking proposals for projects that will help farmers, ranchers, and private, nonindustrial forest landowners implement beneficial water and land conservation practices. The requirements for submitting project proposals for the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) and the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) can be found [here](#). Proposals for [AWEP](#) and [CCPI](#) projects must be received by Monday, Jan. 31.

## Public hearing scheduled for new levee design criteria

DWR has released [Version 4](#) of the Interim Levee Design Criteria for Urban and Urbanizing Areas in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. A public workshop will be held Thursday, Jan. 6, in Sacramento. Details on the workshop and an address to submit written comments can be found on the [FloodSAFE California](#) website. The deadline for comments is Friday, Feb. 4.

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