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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.

Biodiversity council to take a look at integrated water management

A session on integrated water management is on the [agenda](#) for the California Biodiversity Council's [spring meeting](#).



Set for June 13 and 14, in Mountain View, the meeting will focus on technologies for improving management of the state's biodiversity. You must [register](#) to attend the meeting.

Public getting a look at the final staff draft of the Delta Plan

The [final staff draft](#) of the Delta Plan has been released to the public. It will be presented to the Delta Stewardship Council at a [meeting](#) on Thursday, May 24, in West Sacramento. This is the sixth in a series of drafts that date back to last year.

Assembly committee sharing ideas to get the most out of California's rainwater

A state assembly committee will be meeting this Friday, May 18, in Los Angeles to discuss [capturing and storing rainwater](#). Ideas on ways to better manage rainwater will be presented at the hearing of the [State Assembly's Select Committee on Regional Approaches to Addressing the State's Water Crisis](#). There will also be discussion on obstacles that must be addressed to allow investment in the ideas.

Urban Levee Design Criteria spells out basis for providing a 200-year level of protection

DWR has released the new [Urban Levee Design Criteria](#), which provides guidance for the evaluation, operation and maintenance of levees and floodwalls in urban areas.



It has information to provide a 200-year level of flood protection. The department has also published a [fact sheet](#) on the criteria.

Habitat conservation program offers grants for work on private lands

The [Conservation Partners Program](#) has grant money for conservation professionals willing to help improve wildlife habitat conservation on private lands. The program is a partnership that includes the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

Online water quality portal gives public access to decades of government data

The U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have released an [online portal](#) that provides water quality data from across the country. It gives the public access to the information gathered for decades by both agencies. Details are available in this [news release](#).

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