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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 sends agricultural water use efficiency report to the state Legislature

The final report [A Proposed Methodology for Quantifying the Efficiency of Agricultural Water Use](#) has been given approval by DWR and the Natural Resources Agency to be sent to the state Legislature. The report was developed following an extensive public participation process along with significant input from the Agriculture Stakeholders Committee and the A-1 Subcommittee. Materials related to the report, including a [letter](#) from DWR Director Mark Cowin to the Legislature, are available [here](#).

New webpage launched to highlight work done by DFG scientists

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has launched the first phase of its new [Science Institute](#). The online resource highlights the work done by DFG scientists. This [news release](#) includes some of the plans for future phases.

Survey asks water utility leaders about trends and changes in their industry

A recent survey by [Black & Veatch](#) asked water utility leaders about the trends and changes within their industry. The results are available in [2012 Strategic Directions in the U.S. Water Utility Industry](#). Some the challenges mentioned by leaders include an aging infrastructure and new regulatory standards.



Webinar offers a look at the health of California's waterway ecosystems

The California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network will host a one-hour webinar next week, "[Are Our Stream and River Ecosystems Healthy?](#)" It will be presented on Thursday, June 28. The call-in numbers and other details can be found [here](#).

Newsletter includes details on reclamation grants, Colorado River study

The latest edition of the [WestFAST News](#) includes details on \$32.2 million in U.S. Bureau of Reclamation grants. The funding is for projects aimed at stretching water supplies and conserving energy in the western United States. The newsletter also has an update on a Colorado River Water Basin water supply and demand study.

Institute searches for ideas to reduce freshwater needs of power plants

The [Electric Power Research Institute](#) (EPRI) is looking for ideas to help thermoelectric power plants reduce their freshwater consumption needs. Instructions for submitting ideas are available in this EPRI [request for information](#). The deadline is Tuesday, July 24.

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