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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.

Water Plan's chapter on desalination to get workshop treatment

The [agenda](#) has been posted for the workshop on the desalination resource management strategy chapter of California Water Plan Update 2013. The afternoon workshop will be Wednesday, Aug. 28, in Sacramento. There will be online and phone options for those unable to attend in person. There will be a review of the desalination chapter, including a look at potential benefits and costs, implementation issues, and recommendations.

Workshop offers details on Delta flood project grants

DWR is offering a workshop next week on the flood emergency response project grants for the Delta. It will be Thursday, Aug. 15, in Fairfield. Staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions on the grants and the application process. Details are available in the workshop [agenda](#).

Water campaign offers ideas, calculator to help reduce household use

The [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) has released an updated version of its Home Water Works [Household Water Calculator](#) featuring key enhancements that will help more consumers across North America save water. This calculator is a powerful tool that estimates where water is used in the home and provides a personalized plan to save water and energy.



Energy report looks at climate change threats to power plants

The Department of Energy has taken a look at the vulnerability of the nation's energy and electrical power structure when it comes to climate change and extreme weather. The report points out an increased threat of power plant shutdowns due to decreased water availability and higher temperatures. Details are available in this [news release](#). The full report is available [here](#).

Survey will help develop web portal for safe swimming conditions

Members of water agencies and organizations are being asked to take a [survey](#) on their standards regarding data used to determine when it is safe to swim in freshwater locations. The [California Water Quality Monitoring Council](#) will use the results to help develop a safe-to-swim web portal.



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