

Wednesday Update**Oct. 30, 2013**

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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.

Comments on the first volume of the Water Plan due in less than three weeks

The 45-day comment periods are underway for each of the volumes in the [public review draft](#) of *California Water Plan Update 2013*. Each volume has a different comment deadline; Volume 1, The Strategic Plan, Monday, Nov. 18; Volume 2, Regional Reports, Monday, Dec. 9; Volume 3, Resource Management Strategies, Monday, Dec. 2. A [reviewer's guide](#) provides instructions on the different methods for submitting comments.

Webinar will look at ways to bridge gaps and generate water and energy savings

A webinar being offered by the [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) will provide an opportunity to explore how utilities can partner to generate water and energy savings. The [90-minute session](#) will be Tuesday, Nov. 12. It will feature two reports that look at the opportunities for partnership, as well as some of the current obstacles. The speakers will include a member of Oakland's East Bay Municipal Utility District.



SGC considering final guidelines for sustainable community planning grants

Consideration of the final guidelines for the third round of [sustainable community planning grants](#) is on the next agenda of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The grants are used to help local governments and regional agencies develop plans that reduce greenhouse gases and achieve other sustainability goals. The [SGC meeting](#) will be Tuesday, Nov. 5, in Sacramento.

FloodSAFE Focus newsletter provides details on levee repairs, floodplain maps

The new edition of DWR's [FloodSAFE Focus](#) includes information on the effort to make repairs on rural levees in the Central Valley. The newsletter also has details on the upcoming 2013 California Flood Preparedness Week, and information on new floodplain maps detailing urban flooding that can happen during a 200-year event.

Dozens of authors offer ideas for investing in natural infrastructure

Articles from more than 50 authors have been pulled together for a new report, [Natural Infrastructure: Investing in Forested Landscapes for Source Water Protection in the United States](#). It offers guidance to utilities, local governments and businesses on ways to better manage water systems by securing forests and other ecosystems.

