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Wednesday Update**Nov. 20, 2013**

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.

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Workshop will cover elements to be included in the Water Plan highlights

A workshop for the highlights booklet of *California Water Plan Update 2013* will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Sacramento. During the workshop the Water Plan team will be seeking feedback and guidance on the focus and content for the highlights. The agenda and other materials will be posted on the Water Plan [calendar page](#) as they become available. Those planning to attend are asked to [RSVP](#).

CWC taking comments on draft documents for measuring water project benefits

The California Water Commission (CWC) is accepting comments on its [draft regulations](#) and [draft guidelines](#) for quantifying the public benefits of water storage projects. Instructions for submitting comments are available [here](#). The deadline is Friday, Jan. 17.

President Obama announces partnership to assist with drought preparation

President Obama has announced a new resource to help communities prepare for droughts. The [National Drought Resilience Partnership](#) will make it easier to tap into federal drought resources. Details are available in this [news release](#) and at the National Integrated Drought Information System's [U.S. Drought Portal](#).

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RESILIENCE
PARTNERSHIP**

Federal toolbox offers help in building sustainable water management partnerships

Another source for water information on the national level is the [Federal Support Toolbox](#) for integrated water resource management. It supports partnerships aimed at promoting sustainable water management and provides access to a wide range of water data. This toolbox [fact sheet](#) has more details.

EPA report weighs the importance of water to the nation's economy

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been looking at the impact water has on the country's economy. [The Importance of Water to the U.S. Economy](#) is a report intended to raise awareness about the role water plays in the nation's economic welfare. It also contains information that can be used to better manage water resources. Details are available [here](#).

Bardini to participate in annual Investing in California's Water seminar

Gary Bardini, DWR's deputy director overseeing integrated water management, will be among the panelists at the annual seminar, [Investing in California's Water](#). He will be part of a group discussing investing in water-related industries and water transfers. The seminar will be Friday, Feb. 21, in Century City.

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