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**Wednesday Update****Dec. 18, 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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### **With another potential dry year on the way, DWR names drought management team**

DWR has put together a drought management team to prepare for a third straight dry year anticipated in 2014. The department will be focusing personnel and programs on efforts to offset the potential effects to citizen health and the state's economy. Details, and the names of those appointed to lead the team, are available in this [DWR news release](#).

### **Draft report details delivery reliability of State Water Project**

An update on the estimates of the State Water Project's delivery reliability is outlined in a [new draft report](#) from DWR. The estimates include the best-known future effects of climate change and the anticipated changes in Sacramento River basin land uses. There is also a chapter on factors that affect the delivery of water supplies transferred through the Delta.



### **Comment period opens for plan to measure benefits of water storage projects**

Public comments are being accepted for the California Water Commission's [draft regulations and guidelines](#) for quantifying the public benefits of water storage projects. Comments submitted by Friday, Jan. 17, will be considered for inclusion in the next draft. This is an informal public review period and not part of a formal rulemaking process.

### **Tool featured at Sonoma conference for integrated water and land management**

A recent conference in Sonoma featured the [integrated water and land management tool](#) developed as part of *California Water Plan Update 2013*. The tool is used to calculate water-related benefits and costs associated with local land development. Materials from the annual planning commissioners conference are posted [here](#).

### **CDFA task force releases recommendations for tracking and reporting nitrogen use**

A California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) task force has released a [report of recommendations](#) for a nitrogen tracking and reporting system in agricultural areas with high risk for nitrate. The recommendations cover several areas, including how and where nitrogen is applied, and how it affects groundwater quality. Details are available in this [news release](#).

### **Delta Regional Report on agenda for next month's DPAC meeting**

The Delta Regional Report from the Water Plan is on the [agenda](#) for next month's meeting of the Delta Protection Commission Advisory Committee (DPAC). There will also be discussion on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Delta flood issues. The meeting will be Monday, Jan. 6, in Walnut Grove.

**Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, the California Water Plan eNews will be published on Tuesday for the next two weeks. Wednesday publication will resume on Jan. 8.**