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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.

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Results of Sierra snow survey prompts renewed call for water conservation

In the wake of last week's [Sierra snow survey](#), California's secretary of natural resources is calling for conservation throughout the state. John Laird says with the snowpack only being 20 percent of normal, there is a need to cut back the amount of water used on everything from lawns to dishwashers. Details are available in this [news release](#).

California's dry conditions on agenda for next week's CWC meeting

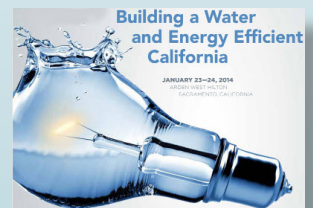
The [California Water Commission](#) (CWC) will meet next week, Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Sacramento. Commissioners will receive an update on dry conditions around the state and hear the latest on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The [online agenda](#) has a link to access a webcast of the meeting.

GRACE satellites providing weekly images of US drought data

Using data from two satellites, NASA scientists are producing [weekly images](#) of the country's groundwater and soil moisture drought indicators. The data is generated by the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) satellites. They detect small changes in the Earth's gravity field caused by water movement.

Irrigation institute conference will take on water and energy issues in California

The [California Irrigation Institute's](#) annual conference will focus on water and energy efficiency. It will be Thursday and Friday, Jan. 23 and 24, in Sacramento. The conference will feature sessions on water and energy issues from urban and agricultural perspectives. During the Friday session, Jeanine Jones, DWR's deputy drought manager, will provide a drought update. Conference details and registration information are available in [this flier](#).



Getting a lesson in promoting stormwater outreach programs

Ideas for improving stormwater outreach programs will be shared during a webinar sponsored by [Forester University](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 22. The one-hour presentation will cover outreach tools and delivery methods that connect with target audiences. Webinar details and a link to register are available [here](#).

Salt and nutrient management seminar offers overview of Central Valley efforts

The next installment of the Groundwater Resources Association's series on salt and nutrient management plans will be Wednesday, Jan. 22. The [webinar](#) will provide an overview of the salt and nitrate planning efforts by the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability.