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Wednesday Update**Feb. 5, 2014**

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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California drought update information available online

Updated information on the California drought is available from a number of online sources. [DWR provides details](#) on current water conditions, conservation information and updates on [reservoir levels](#). A daily [drought summary](#) is available from the California Data Exchange Center. Links to other resources and drought facts are posted on the [Save Our Water](#) site.

California's DROUGHT

ITP hosting workshop on draft urban water management plan

Later this week, the Independent Technical Panel (ITP) will host a workshop on the draft [Urban Water Management Plan Demand Management Measure Reporting and Requirements](#). The report is being prepared to be sent to the Legislature. The public will have the opportunity to provide comments [during the workshop](#), which is set for Friday, Feb. 7, in Sacramento.

Extended abstracts for international salinity forum due on Friday

Ideas are still being accepted for topics to be discussed at this year's [international salinity forum](#) in Riverside. The [deadline for submitting](#) extended abstracts is Friday, Feb. 7. The conference will cover policy, scientific disciplines and economic issues related to salinity. It will be held June 16-18.

Study outlines ways IRWM can be used to help disadvantaged communities

Recommendations for using integrated regional water management (IRWM) to help disadvantaged communities are detailed in a report from the Council for Watershed Health and DWR. The [Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Study](#) outlines ways for IRWM efforts to engage with members of these communities in order to improve water quality and flood control.



Council for Watershed Health

SRWP stakeholder meeting to be held next week in Chico

The annual [stakeholder meeting](#) for the Sacramento River Watershed Program (SRWP) will be Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Chico. The agenda includes a session on regional agricultural water management planning, and details on the program's plan for 2014.

PPIC looks at looming challenges for water management in California

The Public Policy Institute of California's (PPIC's) new report, [California's Future](#), includes a chapter on the state's water situation. The report notes progress has been made on water management issues, but it lists population growth and climate change among future challenges.