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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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### **\$131 million in grants awarded to IRWM projects throughout California**

The Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) [Implementation Grant Program](#) has awarded more than \$131 million as part of the second round of Proposition 84 IRWM grant funding. The funding will go toward [138 projects](#) in [21 IRWM regions](#). The list includes water conservation projects and water recycling projects that will provide long-term drought relief.

### **CWC workshop on small water systems will include impacts of drought**

The California Water Commission (CWC) will be hosting a public workshop on problems, including the drought, being faced by small water systems. A [draft agenda](#) is available. The workshop will be Monday, March 3, in San Diego.

### **Water consumption report looks at country's vulnerability to shortages**

After identifying water availability as a major issue facing development of



the electric power sector in the U.S., the Electric Power Research Institute began looking at vulnerabilities to water shortages. The result is a report on [evaluating water consumption](#) by the country's electric power, municipal and agricultural sectors. It also provides information on a national water consumption budget.

### **EPA releases updated version of stormwater calculator application**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released an updated version of its [National Stormwater Calculator](#). The desktop application estimates the annual amount of stormwater runoff from a specific location. The new version includes changes in seasonal precipitation levels and the effects of more frequent high-intensity storms. Details are available in an [EPA news release](#).

### **Second state watershed management forum set for this month in Riverside**

The second [Statewide Watershed Management Forum](#) will be Feb. 25 and 26, in Riverside. There will be presentations on management efforts from various parts of the state, and discussion on ways to improve collaboration and integration of watershed communities at all levels. Working group sessions will be held to build on the results of the first forum held in Folsom in 2012.



### **Groundwater issues on the agenda for two conferences in Sacramento**

Two concurrent conferences next month in Sacramento will look at groundwater issues, including sustainability, facing California during a drought. The [Groundwater Resources Association of California](#) and the [U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage](#) are hosting the conferences March 4-7. Groundwater banking, irrigation technologies and managing floodwaters for beneficial use are among the topics to be discussed.