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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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SWRCB member added to agenda for final Water Plan 2013 meeting

The final meeting for *California Water Plan Update 2013* will include a lunchtime address by State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) member, Steven Moore. The [joint meeting](#) of the Public Advisory Committee and the Tribal Advisory Committee will be Wednesday, March 26, in Sacramento. The [agenda](#) has instructions for joining the meeting through online or phone-in options.

PPIC plans a range of discussions on paying for water in California

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) is sponsoring a half-day event looking at aspects of [paying for water in California](#). It will be Thursday, April 10, in Sacramento. There will be panel discussions on state's water finance system and possible ways to improve it. All sessions will be [webcast](#).

New database provides details on California's conservation easements

[GreenInfo Network](#) has released the first [California Conservation Easement Database](#). The database is intended to be a resource for a wide range of statewide and regional planning efforts. Easements restrict the uses of private lands in order to maintain them as open space. The lands usually have no public access.

Environmental modeling conference coming to San Diego in June

San Diego has been chosen as the site for this year's [International Congress on Environmental Modeling and Software](#). The list of sessions includes a look at integrated water quality models, and using cyberinfrastructure to develop advancement in the water sciences. The conference runs June 15-19.



USFS to host forest management and water reliability symposium

A [symposium](#) on the science and economics of healthy forest and water reliability will be hosted by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on Friday, May 2. There will be a variety of presentations on forest and watershed management. [Online registration](#) is available. The symposium will be held at the former McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento.

Report puts a dollar value on the USACE civil works programs

A new report is putting a value on some of the programs run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). [Value to the Nation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Programs](#) says the programs generated more than \$48 billion in benefits. That is about \$9 in benefits for every dollar spent. Details are available [here](#).

Connections between climate, energy, food and water to be discussed at Stanford

A [conference](#) on the connecting the dots between climate, energy, food and water issues will be held at Stanford University, Friday, April 18. There will be a presentation on major findings, a breakout session on key challenges associated with climate change, and a panel discussion on the ways decisions in one area can lead to tradeoffs or benefits in other areas.