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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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With the makeover complete, wraps are taken off new and improved IRWM Web site

A new and improved [Integrated Regional Water Management \(IRWM\)](#) Web site has been unveiled and is ready to use. The makeover includes new tools and information for stakeholders. There are interactive features that provide links to regional resources, financial assistance and the [IRWM Strategic Plan](#).

Four workshops remain for environmental goals and policy report

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research will host four more public workshops to discuss the [Governor's Environmental Goals and Policy Report](#). The next workshop will be tomorrow, April 24, in Fresno. The others will be in Modesto, Los Angeles and Sacramento. Details, and the full schedule are available [here](#).



Task force develops list of ways for improving groundwater basins

An Association of California Water Agencies [task force](#) has put together a [list of recommendations](#) for improving management of groundwater basins. The list calls for enhanced local management and increased groundwater storage. It also makes recommendations for legislative action to improve groundwater sustainability.

GRA planning two-day event to address groundwater issues

Another group that has improved groundwater management on its mind is the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA). It will be holding a [symposium and workshop](#) on June 3 and 4, in Sacramento to focus on the groundwater challenges in the state. [Online registration](#) is available.

How increased forest management can pay off in reduced wildfire risk

A [coalition of organizations](#) is out with a report that found it makes economic sense to increase forest management practices in order to reduce the risk of large wildfires. [The findings](#) are based on an examination of the upper Mokelumne watershed. The information may also be applicable to other watersheds in the Sierra Nevada and the western United States.



Public input sought for development of Delta's science action agenda

The Delta Stewardship Council is offering a workshop where the public can help develop a [draft interim science action agenda](#) for the Delta Science Program. The agenda will be used to shape environmental decisions in the Delta. The [workshop](#) will be Tuesday, May 6, in Sacramento.

Registration still available for next month's water technology conference

There is still time to register for the [2014 Water Technology Conference](#). It is set for Thursday, May 8, in Clovis. With the current drought in mind, the conference will feature sessions on groundwater, farm irrigation and urban water use.