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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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Governor asking Californians to double up their water conservation efforts

As part of the effort to deal with the current drought, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. is calling on all Californians to redouble their efforts to conserve water. In issuing another [executive order](#) last week, the governor also strengthened the state's ability to effectively manage water, and streamlined rules to make it easier to prepare for the increased threat of wildfire season.

Scoping meetings set for program that will fund water and energy projects

Two [scoping meetings](#) have been scheduled to discuss the development of a [Water-Energy Grant Program](#). DWR has been appropriated \$19 million for the program which will provide funding for projects that improve water efficiency or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The meetings will be Friday, May 9, in Fresno, and Monday, May 12, in Sacramento.

Roundtable focuses on connections that can resolve water conflicts

The California Roundtable on Water and Food Supply (CRWFS) has offered an approach for advancing connected thinking, strengthening institutional alignment, and improving public engagement in making water decisions.



CRWFS's new report [From Crisis to Connectivity](#) describes a connectivity approach, providing a whole-systems framework for our water management decisions. A [companion booklet](#) features several case studies exemplifying connectivity principles and generating connected-benefit solutions.

State water board accepting comments for plan on recycled water use

The [State Water Resources Control Board](#) is accepting comments on a draft general order for [recycled water use](#). Recycled water covered under this order is primarily treated municipal wastewater that may be used for agricultural irrigation, urban landscaping and other non-potable uses. Details for a public meeting on the order and instructions for submitting comments are available [here](#).

Sharing ideas for creating sustainable urban landscapes in California

Ideas on creating more sustainable urban landscapes in California will be discussed at [two symposiums](#) next month. The presentations by the California Urban Water Conservation Council will include current programs and challenges that affect California landscapes. The symposiums will be Thursday, May 22, in [Rancho Cucamonga](#), and May 29 in [Citrus Heights](#).

A chance to hear what it takes to create a New California Water Atlas

The designer behind a [New California Water Atlas](#) will discuss the project next week in Berkeley. The atlas is an effort to create an online manual of the state's water system. Laci Videmsky will discuss the challenges in this digital undertaking. [His presentation](#) will be Wednesday, May 7, at an event sponsored by the Groundwater Resources Association of California.