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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 asks Californians to make the most of water-saving efforts this month

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has proclaimed May as "Save Our Water" month in California. The state's [Save Our Water](#) Web site has a variety of ideas and actions that will cut down water use. The site includes a section, [Sprinklers 101](#), with ways homeowners can maintain landscaping while using less water.



Rolling water treatment plant will be put to the test in the San Joaquin Valley

UCLA researchers are ready to test a [rolling water treatment plant](#) designed to purify and desalinate agricultural runoff and groundwater. The unit uses a filtration system that can turn water high in salt and pollutants into drinkable water. The plant will be used in several locations in the San Joaquin Valley.

Stanford report offers ideas for researching the water-energy connection

Water in the West at Stanford University has taken a look at the way energy has an impact on water availability, use and quality. The result is a report [A Water-Energy Research Agenda](#). It identifies research priorities that would address the link between energy and water. Details are available in this [news release](#).

Precipitation symposium focuses attention on California's flood potential

UC Davis will be the site of the [California Extreme Precipitation Symposium](#) on Tuesday, June 24. Symposium presentations focus on extreme precipitation events that can cause serious flooding in California. The goal is to increase the warning time before a major flood hits and to be able to better predict the size of the floods.



Conference will look at water problems in California and the Colorado River Basin

A conference to discuss the water-related challenges facing [California and the Colorado River Basin](#), is scheduled for later this month in Los Angeles. It is sponsored by the [CEO Water Mandate](#), which works to advance water sustainability solutions. The provisional agenda for the May 28 conference is available [here](#).

Proposed forest groundwater policy will be discussed during national webinar

The U.S. Forest Service will host a [national webinar](#) next week to discuss the [proposed policy](#) to manage groundwater resources in national forests and grasslands. Technical specialists will present an overview on groundwater issues and will provide information on the agency's directives. The webinar will be Tuesday, May 20.