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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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### **Applications being accepted for \$200 million in drought grant funding**

The [Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program](#) has released the [proposal solicitation package](#) and [guidelines](#) for \$200 million in funding. The funding will be made available to a variety of projects including those that address immediate regional drought preparedness, and water quality problems created by drought. The application deadline is Monday, July 21.

### **Four flood projects to receive \$3.3 million in funding from the YFFPP**

The [Yuba Feather Flood Protection Program](#) (YFFPP) has approved more than \$3.3 million in funding for [four projects](#) in its jurisdiction. The YFFPP covers areas along the Yuba Feather River system and in the Colusa Basin. The projects will receive the last funding available through the YFFPP.

### **EPA's EnviroAtlas helps measure the benefits nature provides**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has put together a collection of interactive tools and resources to create [EnviroAtlas](#). It allows users to browse the benefits provided by nature. The information can be used to incorporate the value of these benefits in decision-making processes.

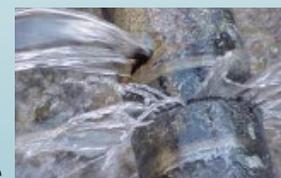


### **ACWA's annual regulatory summit to focus on headwaters management**

The annual [regulatory summit](#) held by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) will be August 13 and 14, in South Lake Tahoe. This year the focus will be on headwaters management and source water quality in California. The topics will include the impact marijuana cultivation is having on water quality. There will also be a tour of a forest management demonstration area.

### **Water webinar offers cost-effective ways for utilities to plug their leaks**

The Alliance for Water Efficiency will be providing a [free webinar](#) on cost-effective ways for water utilities to deal with system leaks. The information will be based on a [recent study](#) that produced a model for standard leakage component analysis. The webinar will be Thursday, June 19. Registration is available [here](#).



### **Federal review updates trends in freshwater availability and use**

In an update of a 2003 report, the Government Accountability Office has released new information on the [trends in freshwater availability and use](#). The review found that during the last decade states have improved availability by addressing climate change, developing drought preparedness plans and taking conservation actions. However, 80 percent of state water managers expect water shortages in some portion of their states in the next 10 years.