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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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\$10 million in grant funding available for ag projects that improve water efficiency

Applications are being accepted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture for approximately [\\$10 million in grant funding](#). The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program funding will be awarded to agricultural operations for projects that increase water efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Upgraded CIMIS Web site providing better data to farmers and the public

The [California Irrigation Management Information System](#) (CIMIS) has released an upgraded version of its Web site to provide improved data quality control and better user interaction features. CIMIS is a network of about 145 weather stations on large irrigated grass sites in agricultural and urban areas. It provides meteorological data to farmers, landscape managers and the public.

State water board issues new order covering use of recycled water

The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted a general order to streamline permitting for recycled water. Under the order, communities dealing with drought conditions will be allowed to increase their use of recycled water by treating municipal wastewater for non-potable uses. Details are available in this [news release](#).

Registration opens for this summer's climate adaptation forum

[Registration](#) is open for the first statewide conference focused on climate change adaptation. The [2014 California Adaptation Forum](#) will be August 19 and 20, in Sacramento. It will include dozens of plenary and breakout sessions to discuss a variety of adaptation issues. The forum is being organized by the [Local Government Commission](#) and several state agencies.



Brown bag seminar gives Delta restoration the integrative treatment

An integrative approach to Delta restoration will be discussed at a [brown bag seminar](#) on Monday, June 23, in Sacramento. Campbell Ingram of the Delta Conservancy will describe the proposed Delta Restoration Hub, which is intended to address the high levels of coordination and integration needed to meet the challenges of designing and implementing restoration projects.

New partnership program to provide funding for conservation projects

A new conservation partnership program has been launched to fund projects and activities across the country. The [Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#) will include special funding available for the Delta. More information is available in this U.S. Department of Agriculture [news release](#).