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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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Draft guidelines released for water and energy grant program

The [draft guidelines and proposal solicitation package](#) (PSP) has been released for DWR's Water-Energy Grant Program. The funding is intended for water efficiency efforts that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while reducing water and energy use. DWR will hold [three meetings](#) to take comments on the guidelines and PSP.

Energy department explores the connection between water and energy systems

The connection between water and energy systems is explored in a new report from the U.S. Department of Energy. [The Water-Energy](#)



[Nexus: Challenges and Opportunities](#) identifies six strategies to help develop more resilient systems. This [infographic](#) illustrates how water and energy systems are interdependent.

ACWA drought report says California can't hesitate in taking action

As difficult as the drought conditions are, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) says it could be worse in coming years if action isn't taken now. In its [new report](#), ACWA finds the drought has exposed key vulnerabilities in the state's water management system. It makes several recommendations, including regulations that encourage desalination and other technologies.

Bringing universities and industry together to find urban water use solutions

A presentation on identifying [sustainable urban water use](#) solutions will be made Tuesday, July 1, in Sacramento. Stanford University professor Richard Luthy will discuss ways universities and industry can work together to improve urban water innovation. The presentation is part of the brown bag series sponsored by the Delta Stewardship Council's [Delta Science Program](#).

Drought making it difficult for water utilities to cover their costs

A [survey by a water engineering firm](#) indicates 66 percent of water utility companies aren't generating enough revenue to cover their costs. The results compiled by Black & Veatch point to the drought in several states as the reason water prices are going to be on the rise. The survey included 368 water utility companies from across the country.

Integrated water resources workshop set for UC Davis next month

A day-long workshop on [integrated water resources management](#) is set for Monday, July 7, at UC Davis. The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum is sponsoring the event that will include an overview of action being taken on the state level. There will also be a presentation on efforts in the Netherlands.

