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*Wednesday Update**July 9, 2014*

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's water action plan, NODOS on next water commission agenda**

The [next meeting](#) of the California Water Commission will include an update on implementation of the [California Water Action Plan](#), and information on the [North-of-the-Delta Off Stream Storage](#) (NODOS) project. The meeting will be Wednesday, July 16, in Sacramento. A [webcast](#) of the meeting will be available.

**NORTH-OF-THE-DELTA  
OFFSTREAM STORAGE**

**Proposed desalination amendments for ocean plan to be discussed next month**

The State Water Resources Control Board will host a [public meeting](#) next month to discuss proposed desalination amendments to the [California Ocean Plan](#). Among other things, the amendments would clarify the board's authority over desalination facility intakes and discharges. The meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, in Sacramento. Proposed amendments and other information are available [here](#).

**2014 grant solicitation FAQs added to IRWM program site**

The [Integrated Regional Water Management \(IRWM\) Grant Program](#) Web site has added a list of [frequently asked questions](#) related to the 2014 IRWM grant solicitation. The list was revised this week and will be updated periodically.

**Environmental justice grants available for safe drinking water projects**

Applications are being accepted for the [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#). The funding will go to projects that address environmental and public health goals, including ensuring safe drinking water. Community-based nonprofit groups and federally recognized tribal governments are eligible for the grants. The application deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 30.

**California farmland conversion trends detailed in new report**

The latest analysis of the state's agricultural land use trends is available in the [California Farmland Conversion Report 2008-2010](#). The Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program documents changes in California's ag lands. The program also produces the data for [county and regional summaries](#).



**Agriculture and Land Stewardship Web site offers project strategies**

The [Agricultural and Land Stewardship \(ALS\) Workgroup](#) has launched a new Web site that includes updated information on its framework and strategies. The framework proposes the use of ALS plans for projects that would convert agricultural land to other uses. More than two dozen ALS strategies cover actions that support an agricultural economy, provide incentives for conservation on farmland, and several other categories.