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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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Public input being sought for state's climate change assessment

Three public hearings will be held next month to discuss a plan for putting together the [Fourth California Climate Change Assessment](#). This assessment will develop research in support of California's actions to address climate change. The first hearing will be Friday, Aug. 8, in Sacramento. Other hearings will be held in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

UC Davis report looks at the drought's economic impact on agriculture

A [report from UC Davis](#) says the current drought has led to the greatest water supply reduction ever seen in California agriculture. The study by the [Center for Watershed Sciences](#) updates the estimated drought effects on farm production and the economic impact it will have through 2016.



DWR using online survey to find ways to help California water agencies

DWR is conducting an [online survey](#) to get an idea of how it can provide services and resources to help California water agencies. The survey questions focus on how agencies manage water resource data and how DWR can help in support of that effort. The survey will be open through Friday, Aug. 1. It takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Series of funding fairs continues next month with stop in Redding

The [next funding fair](#) sponsored by the California Financing Coordinating Committee will be Wednesday, Aug. 20, in Redding. The fairs provide information on government grants and loans for infrastructure projects, including those for water supply, water conservation and energy efficiency. Other funding fairs will be held in Fresno, San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, Perris and Sacramento.

Report finds room for improvement in groundwater management plans

A look at California's groundwater management plans has found that many of them are outdated and lacking important details. [A report](#) from the California Water Foundation says existing groundwater management planning has plenty of room for improvement, including the need for comprehensive statewide programs. Details are available [here](#).



Land subsidence cause and effects to be discussed at UC Davis

The causes and potential responses to ground subsidence in California will be the topic of a [groundwater symposium](#) later this summer. Sessions will look at the drought and other factors leading to subsidence, as well as the potential damage to the state's water system infrastructure. The conference will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, at UC Davis. It is being organized by the Groundwater Resources Association of California.