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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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IWM annual report looks at 2013's highlights and accomplishments

Some of the highlights and accomplishments from 2013 are provided in the [annual report](#) on DWR's integrated water management (IWM) programs. The report covers a number of IWM projects that DWR completed or advanced last year. It also looks ahead to the investment that will be needed to maintain California's water infrastructure.



Drought seminar will include look at legal and policy issues

A [seminar dealing with the impacts of drought](#) on the competing needs of urban, agricultural and environmental water users will be held Monday, Oct. 20, in Los Angeles. It will feature insight on legal and policy issues related to California's water supply, and will cover the need to develop new solutions for water resource management.

Taking NASA research and applying it to California's regional water management

A [lecture](#) on the possibility of NASA research being used to support regional water management in California will be presented next week in Sacramento. Jay Famiglietti, a senior water scientist from the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory will be speaking Thursday, July 31. His presentation will include the capabilities and findings of NASA's satellite and modeling research on hydrology.

Little Hoover Commission offers some climate change ideas for California

The Little Hoover Commission is calling on California's government to make plans for [dealing with the impacts of climate change](#). In a new report, the commission says it is encouraged by some of the steps state agencies have taken, but it says there needs to be a statewide game plan to coordinate efforts. Details are available in this [news release](#).



Comments being accepted on plans for urban flood risk reduction program

DWR's [Division of Flood Management](#) is releasing several documents related to its new urban flood risk reduction program. Public comments are being accepted on the [draft guidelines](#) and [draft proposal solicitation package](#) for the program. There is also a [draft cost share guidelines](#) to update the formula used to determine financial assistance to local agencies for flood control work.

USACE database provides updated information on the nation's levees and floodwalls

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has developed the [National Levee Database](#), which incorporates up-to-date information about the location and condition of the nation's levees and floodwalls. There are displays with an easy-to-use map interface and a search feature to find levees in a specific ZIP code.