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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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DWR posts list of applications for IRWM drought grant funding

DWR has posted the [list of applications](#) received for this year's integrated regional water management (IRWM) [drought grant solicitation](#). The 39 applicants requested a total of \$339 million in funding. DWR is making \$200 million in grants available.

CWC to receive briefing on potential of California's untapped water supply

A briefing on the untapped potential of California's water supply will be part of the next [California Water Commission](#) (CWC) meeting. A [report from the Pacific Institute](#) says a variety of practices could save the state millions of acre feet of water a year. The CWC meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 20, in Sacramento.

Final agenda released for annual floodplain management conference

The Floodplain Management Association has released the [final program](#) for its annual conference. It will be Sept. 2-5, in Santa Clara. The agenda is based on the theme, "[Keeping Our Heads Above Water](#)." Online registration is available.



Groundwater study finds high depletion rate in the Colorado River Basin

A study of the [Colorado River Basin](#) found that more than 75 percent of water loss in the drought-stricken region comes from groundwater. Researchers found the rate of depletion from groundwater storage far exceeded the rate of depletion of surface water storage reservoirs. The study was done by researchers from UC Irvine and the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Water board to consider guidelines for school drought outreach program

The State Water Resources Control Board will be meeting next week to consider adopting guidelines for the [Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools](#). The program would allocate money to projects that provide water benefits, including a reduction of stormwater pollution. They must include an educational component to increase student and public awareness on the project's benefits. The [board's meeting](#) will be Tuesday, Aug. 19, in Sacramento.

Balancing water utility revenue with conservation examined in non-profit report

The balancing act for water utilities is examined in a new report [Measuring & Mitigating Water Revenue Variability](#). The non-profit organization [Ceres](#) has put together some strategies that can help water utilities stabilize revenue without compromising commitments to water conservation. Registration is required to download the report.



Brown bag seminar will put recent California hydrology in context

A look at California's climate and drought conditions is on tap for the Delta Science Program's next [brown bag seminar](#). Michael Anderson, a climatologist with DWR, will examine California's hydrology of the past three years, and put it in context with other time frames. His presentation will be Monday, Aug. 25, in Sacramento.