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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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Biodiversity council to look at alignment proposal for integrated regional planning

The next meeting of the [California Biodiversity Council](#) will be Wednesday, Oct. 29, in Davis. An agenda and registration information will be posted in the coming weeks. The meeting will focus on a proposal to align with the Strategic Growth Council to develop regional conservation priority maps in support of integrated regional planning.

Water Education Foundation's Web site gets a new look

The [Water Education Foundation](#) has given its Web site a makeover in order to make it more user-friendly. The new version makes it easier to access a wide variety of information provided by the foundation. [The changes](#) include links from the main page to Aquapedia, the foundation's water encyclopedia, and Aquaforia, a collection of daily news items.



EPA workshop will offer tools and information to Central California utilities

A [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) workshop](#) next week in Fresno will help drinking water and wastewater utilities plan for drought and other extreme events in Central California. The workshop, on Sept. 10 and 11, will include discussions on ways to integrate climate adaptation considerations into existing planning processes. There will also be an introduction of planning tools offered by the [EPA Water Security Division](#), and an overview of funding resources.

Wildlife Conservation Board adopts its first five-year strategic plan

For the first time, [California's Wildlife Conservation Board](#) (WCB) has adopted a strategic plan. The plan covers a five-year period and provides a blueprint for the board's decisions and policies during that time. The WCB works closely with conservation partners throughout the state to identify, fund, and implement projects that protect California's natural heritage.



AWE initiative aims to strike a balance between water conservation and rising rates

The [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) (AWE) is launching an initiative to help water managers build rate structures that improve revenue stability and encourage resource efficiency. [Financing Sustainable Water](#) provides tools for balancing revenue management while maintaining water conservation policies. Details on the motivation behind the initiative are available [here](#).

