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### DWR review provides look at progress of IRWM in California

DWR has released a report that provides a snapshot of the progress being made on integrated regional water management (IRWM) in the state. [Review of IRWM Planning and Implementation in California](#) looks at the accomplishments during the past 12 years when DWR has worked in partnership with regional water managers to advance IRWM. It also looks at areas where improvements are needed.



### Using bond financing to make improvements in the water infrastructure

Using bond financing for water infrastructure projects is explored in a report from the non-profit organization, [Ceres. Bond Financing Distributed Water Systems](#) includes some of the lessons that can be learned from cities such as Seattle, Las Vegas, and New York. Registration is required to download the report.

### East Branch Extension and water facilities inspection on tap for CWC

The [next meeting](#) of the California Water Commission (CWC) will be held in San Bernardino on Wednesday, Sept. 17. It will include discussion of the East Branch Extension of the California Aqueduct. After the meeting, commission members will inspect State Water Project facilities.



### Brown bag seminar turns attention toward seawater desalination in California

The increasing interest in seawater desalination for California will be discussed during a [brown bag seminar](#) Monday, Sept. 22, in Sacramento. Heather Cooley from Pacific Institute will review the key issues surrounding desalination projects. The issues were covered in a [Pacific Institute report](#) she co-authored last year.

### Weighing the pros and cons of expanding surface storage on the San Joaquin River

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has released a [draft environmental impact statement](#) (EIS) for the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation. It provides details on the benefits and impacts of building additional surface storage northeast of Fresno. Public hearings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Sacramento, and Thursday, Oct. 16 in Fresno. Public comments on the EIS are due Oct. 21. Details are available in this [news release](#).



### Fresh water focus will be the theme of a Bay-Delta workshop

A free, half-day workshop, "[Bay + Delta + Water: Better Together](#)," will be held Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Antioch. It will focus on the role of fresh water in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary, including a session on current planning processes that will affect fresh water flows. Congressman George Miller will be the keynote speaker.