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Wednesday Update**Sept. 24, 2014**

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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\$200 million in drought funding recommendations released by DWR

The [draft funding recommendations](#) for \$200 million in Proposition 84 grants has been released by DWR. The list covers projects throughout the state that alleviate drought impacts and increase drought awareness. A [public meeting](#) to submit comments on the recommendations will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30, in Sacramento. Other comments must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Climate change in the Central Valley explored in new federal report

Projected impacts on water supplies, water quality, and flood management in California's Central Valley are explored in a report from the U.S. Department of the Interior. The [Sacramento and San Joaquin Basins Climate Impact Assessment](#) looks at the problems that could be brought about by changes in temperature, precipitation and population. An overview of the assessment is available in this [news release](#).



Habitat restoration issue paper adopted by Delta Stewardship Council

The Delta Stewardship Council has voted to adopt an issue paper, [Restoring Habitat with Science and Society in Mind](#). The purpose of the issue paper is to survey restoration activities; describe needs, progress, and opportunities related to restoration; and propose key focus areas for the council and other agencies for advancing habitat restoration during the next two years.

Foundation offering basic education on California water issues

A [two-day course](#) on the basics of water issues in California will be offered next month by the Water Education Foundation. [Water 101](#) will cover the drought, groundwater management, and the 2014 water bond. There will also be a portion dedicated to the history and management structure of water in California. The course will be offered Oct. 2 and 3, in Rancho Cucamonga.

Growth council spells out draft guidelines for ag grants program

The Strategic Growth Council has posted [preliminary draft guidelines](#) for the California

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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program. The program provides grants for plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with agricultural lands. Public workshops on the guidelines will be held next month. Workshop details will be posted on the council's [Web site](#) by the end of September.

DSC to receive overview of draft Interim Science Action Agenda

This [week's meeting](#) of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will include a presentation on the draft [Interim Science Action Agenda](#). The action agenda is being developed to help coordinate and organize scientific investigations in the Delta. The council will meet Thursday, Sept. 25, in Sacramento.