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Water Plan briefing on the agenda for the next CWC meeting

Updates on the state's drought conditions and the status of agricultural water management plans will be part of the next [California Water Commission \(CWC\) meeting](#). Commissioners will also receive a briefings on *California Water Plan Update 2013* and on a reoperation study that is looking at ways to improve statewide flood protection, environmental stewardship, and water supply systems. The meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Sacramento, and will be [webcast](#).

Draft state plan for safe drinking water is ready for public comment

The State Water Resources Control Board has opened the [comment period](#) for the [draft Safe Drinking Water Plan for California](#). The plan includes an assessment of the overall quality of the state's drinking water, along with specific problems and recommendations for improvements. The comment deadline is Monday, Dec. 15.

CDFA accepting applications for second round of farm improvement grants

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is accepting applications for a second round of funding for the [State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program](#). Agricultural operations can receive up to \$150,000 to install water distribution systems that save water and reduce greenhouse gases. Applications must be in by Monday, Nov. 10.

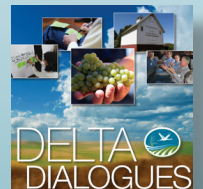


New guide will help in getting general plans to meet state law

A guide to help amend general plans to meet state law has been released by DWR. [Guidance on General Plan Amendments for Addressing Flood Risk](#) is intended for cities and counties in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. The guide includes samples of general plan goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures. A fact sheet and other details are available [here](#).

Delta Dialogues covers the process of dealing with the region's problems

The Delta Conservancy has released the [Delta Dialogues Phase II Final Report](#). This 46-page report summarizes the conversations, insights, and points of contention among key stakeholder groups trying to manage the problems facing the Delta. It has transcripts of interviews with key participants.



Collaboration on water data is the focus of next week's brown bag seminar

The work done by the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (CWQMC) will be the topic of a [brown bag seminar](#), Monday, Oct. 13, in Sacramento. The council helps coordinate the data from water quality efforts done across state agencies. The executive director of CWQMC, Jon Marshack, will discuss the effort to increase efficiency and effectiveness through interagency collaboration.