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Wednesday Update



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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.

The role remote sensing plays in measuring valley and foothill drought impacts

The use of remote sensing to map drought impacts will be discussed at [brown bag seminar](#) on Monday, Nov. 24, in Sacramento. Mahesh Rao, a research scientist from Humboldt State University, will explain recent remote sensing techniques used to understand drought conditions in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada foothills.

New CURES Web site offers a wealth of data for the San Joaquin River

A new Web site that links public data bases with [San Joaquin River water information](#) has been launched by the [Coalition for Urban/Rural Environmental Stewardship](#) (CURES). The site is intended to serve as an information tool for the public, water managers, and researchers. It functions like a portal, using databases and mapping technologies to help users create customized content.



DSC getting updates on long-range weather forecasts and climate change impacts

Climate change and a long-range weather forecast are on the agenda for the next [Delta Stewardship Council \(DSC\) meeting](#). Council members will receive a briefing on the latest information regarding climate change impacts in the state. There will also be a preview of a long-range weather forecast which will include a status assessment of the Delta's flood readiness. The meeting will be tomorrow, Nov. 20, in Sacramento.

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UPDATE 2013

The Splash is a feature of the California Water Plan eNews to spotlight topics from Update 2013 and its Highlights booklet.

[California Water Plan Update 2013](#) advances [three critical themes](#): promote regional integration, strengthen agency alignment, and invest in innovation and infrastructure.

Commit to Integrated Water Management – During the last decade, DWR has been promoting and applying [integrated water management](#) at the regional level. As a result, by maximizing limited resources, improving levels of service within water management systems, and improving system resiliency to respond to significant stressors, stakeholders are beginning to see results of continued public investment. The three themes and IWM are described further [beginning on page 2-17](#) of Volume 1, Chapter 2, “Imperative to Invest in Innovation and Infrastructure.”

Strengthen Government Agency Alignment – Better alignment of government agencies helps reduce costs and ensures more efficient achievement of objectives. A [timeline](#) showing the progress in strengthening agency alignment is available in the Update 2013 Highlights booklet. Details on the type of actions that could improve the cooperation among government agencies is available in Volume 1, Chapter 4, “[Strengthening Government Alignment](#).”

Invest in Innovation and Infrastructure – The Highlights booklet [provides an overview](#) of why California will need \$200 billion in the next decade to maintain current levels of service and system conditions. Another \$500 billion will be needed in the years to follow in order to reduce flood risk, provide clean water supplies and enhance ecosystems. Details are available in Volume 1, Chapter 7, “[Finance Planning Framework](#).”