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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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Update 2013 briefing on the agenda for flood protection board meeting

A briefing on *California Water Plan Update 2013* will be part of this week's [Central Valley Flood Protection Board meeting](#). The briefing will include key strategies and recommendations of Update 2013. Board members will also get an update on the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. The meeting is Friday, Dec. 19, in Sacramento.

Webinar offers an examination of technical information in Update 2013

A webinar examining the technical information of Update 2013 will be offered by the [California Water and Environmental Modelling Forum](#) on Thursday, Jan. 8. The sessions, including groundwater findings and recommendations, may be useful to planners, engineers and scientists. The webinar is free, but registration is required.

DWR sets initial California groundwater basin prioritization

[DWR has concluded](#) that the California basin prioritization finalized earlier this year will be the initial prioritization when the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act goes into effect on Jan. 1. The ranking was done under the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring \(CASGEM\)](#) Program. The process identifies, evaluates and determines the need for additional groundwater level monitoring.



Nationwide water use drops 13 percent since 2005, lowest level in 45 years

Water use across the country has reached its lowest recorded level in nearly 45 years. According to a [U.S. Geological Survey](#) report, about 355 billion gallons of water per day were used in the United States during 2010. That is a 13 percent decrease from 2005.

Guidelines posted for \$5 million in flood emergency response grants

The [final guidelines](#) for the second round of the [Flood Emergency Response Projects](#) grants have been posted by DWR. The grants will provide funding to improve local response to flood emergencies. There is \$5 million in funding available in this round. The application deadline is Monday, Feb. 9.

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WATER PLAN UPDATE 2013 **SPLASH**

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

Future Scenarios: A portion of [California Water Plan Update 2013](#) looks into the future by using almost 200 scenarios to track conditions through 2050. The [Highlights](#) booklet includes a section that looks some of the factors that will come into play [during that time frame](#) and will shape the decisions that will have to be made. There is also information on some of California's hydrologic regions that are [particularly vulnerable](#) to many of the future climate and growth scenario conditions. Details on future scenarios are available in Volume 1, Chapter 5, "[Managing an Uncertain Future](#)." There is also a section on future scenarios in each of the regional reports in [Volume 2](#).