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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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To Our Subscribers: Remarkable Activity in 2014 Sets the Stage for Update 2018 Process

There was a remarkable level of activity on California water management in 2014, including the release of [California Water Plan Update 2013](#) in October. The Update 2013 roll out is going well with unprecedented media coverage and numerous statewide and regional briefings by State agency staff and stakeholders describing the plan's themes and recommendations -- with more briefings scheduled in 2015.



Throughout 2014, DWR compiled advice from project team members, the Tribal and Public Advisory committees, and at public meetings about the topics to focus on for *California Water Plan Update 2018*. The findings and recommendations of Update 2018 will also be shaped by the implementation of the governor's [Water Action Plan](#), new groundwater legislation, \$7.5 billion water bond, drought recovery actions, and progress on other Update 2013 recommendations.

Early in 2015, DWR will release a draft Update 2018 work plan with a range of options reflecting the input and considerations described above, and based on available time and funding. The project team will seek comments and priorities on the draft work plan at public workshops, webinars, and other methods; and will then prepare a final Update 2018 work plan and suitable outreach and engagement process. DWR anticipates convening the Update 2018 advisory committees and venues by mid-2015.

Watch for more announcements and information in the [California Water Plan eNews](#).

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WATER PLAN SPLASH
UPDATE 2013

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

Climate Change: *California Water Plan Update 2013* describes the affects of climate change on the state's water uses, supplies and infrastructure. It also recommends adaptation strategies. In the last few decades total precipitation has been made up of more rain and less snow, and the runoff has shifted to earlier in the year. Water managers used to look at historical trends to base their decisions, but that will not work as well now because historical hydrology no longer provides an accurate picture of future conditions. The Update 2013 [Highlights](#) booklet has a summary of the [climate change situation](#). Details are available beginning on [page 59](#) of Volume 1, Chapter 3, "[California Water Today](#)." There are also climate change sections in each of the [Volume 2](#) regional reports.

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