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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.

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### **Presentations, video from Update 2013 webinar, made available online**

The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum has posted [the presentations](#) from its webinar on *California Water Plan Update 2013*. The Jan. 8 webinar focused on the technical information in Update 2013, including climate change and sustainability indicators. A [video of the webinar](#) has also been posted.

### **Water commission will begin year by electing new chair and vice chair**

The California Water Commission will be electing a new chair and vice chair at its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Sacramento. Following the election, [the agenda](#) will include approval of the State Water Projects annual review, and a discussion on the development of a water storage investment program. The meeting will be [webcast](#).

### **Online library offers dozens of water conservation videos**

A [water conservation video library](#) has been placed online by the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC). Information is offered in a variety of categories including indoor water efficiency, irrigation, and landscaping. More than 250 videos were submitted for the library. After being graded, 52 were chosen to be posted online.



### **Results of hydraulic fracturing study to be released next week**

The [California Council on Science and Technology](#) has completed the first volume of its independent scientific assessment of well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing, in California. The results will be released [during a webinar](#) on Jan. 14. Two additional volumes of the report will be released later this year.

### **New infrastructure financing tools explained in one-hour webinar**

Since the first of the year, new infrastructure financing tools have been available to local governments in California. To explain the concept and application of these tools, [Meeting of the Minds](#) has posted a [one-hour webinar](#), along with the webinar [presentation slides](#). The new law behind the tools allows cities and counties to partner with special districts to create a public finance authority for community development and infrastructure projects.



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## WATER PLAN SPLASH

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

**Water-Energy Nexus:** The relationship between water and energy is explored in portions of [California Water Plan Update 2013](#). [Page 25](#) of the [Highlights](#) booklet shows the amount of the state's energy use that is related to water. Energy is used to extract, treat, distribute and heat water, but those same processes lead to production of greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). The challenge is to maintain water services while limiting the GHGs that contribute to climate change. Information on water-energy nexus of regional water supplies is available in each of the regional reports in [Volume 2](#).