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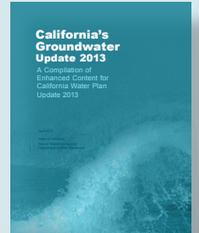
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## **DWR releases initial chapters for California's Groundwater Update**

DWR has posted the initial chapters of [California's Groundwater Update 2013](#). The report is a compilation of groundwater information used to enhance [California Water Plan Update 2013](#). Webinars to discuss the initial chapters, "[Statewide Findings, Data Gaps, and Recommendations](#)," "[Introduction, Scope, and Future Directions](#)," and "[Statewide Groundwater Update](#)," will be held [April 23 and 24](#). The chapters on groundwater for each of California's 10 hydrologic regions will be posted in the weeks to come.



## **Resources secretary pens editorial on governor's Water Action Plan**

[An editorial](#) written by John Laird, Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, describes the highlights of the governor's [Water Action Plan](#). The article points out that the action plan is the basis of a long-term strategy for addressing water issues in California, including water storage, groundwater management, and drought preparedness. The article appeared last week in the Fresno Bee.

## **Feds set new rules for hydraulic fracturing on public, tribal lands**

The U.S. Department of the Interior has released a new set of [standards for hydraulic fracturing](#) on public and tribal lands. [The rules](#) include provisions for protecting groundwater, and require disclosure of chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process. More than 90 percent of oil and gas wells currently being drilled on federally managed lands use hydraulic fracturing.

## **A look at the economic price California will pay because of climate change**

A report from the [Risky Business Project](#) details some of the economic risks California is facing because of climate change. [From Boom to Bust? Climate Risk in the Golden State](#) looks at potential threats in specific parts of California. The Risky Business Project has also published climate change risk reports [for other regions of the country](#).

## **Stanford connects the dots between food and other issues**

[A symposium](#) looking at the connections between food, energy, water, and climate, will be held at Stanford University on Friday, April 17. The presentations will examine how decisions in one area can lead to trade-offs or benefits in other areas. This is part of the university's [Connecting the Dots](#) series, which is in its fifth year.

## **Newsletter offers look at Sierra forests restoration efforts**

The work being done by the [Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program](#) is highlighted in a front-page article of this month's [The Forestry Source](#) newsletter. It looks at the importance of efforts to restore forest health in the Sierra Nevada. The program's primary objectives include identifying needed restoration and increasing investment for those activities.