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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.

Energy commission posts details on new standards for water appliances

Details on [new standards for water appliances](#) are available on the California Energy Commission Web site. The rules cover the flow rates of faucets, and the amount of water used per flush in toilets and urinals. With the new standards, California could initially save 10 billion gallons of water per year.



USGS report explores the connection between water and energy

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has taken a look at the complex connection between water and energy. [The Water-Energy Nexus — An Earth Science Perspective](#) explores the connection between water availability and energy use. It also describes the earth science data that can be used to address those issues.

New guide details the growing importance of water-energy collaboration

A new resource for energy utilities and water agencies has been published by the California Sustainability Alliance. [The Water-Energy Program Collaboration Guidebook](#) explains how water and energy services rely on each other. It also provides information on how utilities and agencies can work together on conservation and efficiency programs.



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Coastal Conservancy taking comments on draft strategic plan update

[Public comments](#) are being accepted until Friday, May 1, for the Coastal Conservancy's [draft strategic plan update](#). The draft includes priorities for water bond expenditures provided under Proposition 1, and updates to the conservancy's climate change objectives. There are also details on the new Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.

\$7 million in grants available for transportation facilities projects

The [Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program](#) has started taking applications for its next round of grants. Each year it offers \$7 million in grants to projects done by government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Projects must be related to the environmental impact of transportation facilities. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, July 13.

Groundwater workshop set for tribal governments in Southern California

[A workshop](#) for Southern California tribal governments to discuss groundwater issues will be held Thursday, May 7, in San Diego County. There will be discussions on DWR's [Sustainable Groundwater Management Program](#) and the program's [draft strategic plan](#). There will also be a demonstration of groundwater tools available on the internet.

Potable reuse up for discussion next week in Sacramento

The [next meeting](#) of the [Direct Potable Reuse Advisory Group](#) will be Friday, May 1, in Sacramento. The group is investigating the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse. A [webcast](#) of the meeting will be available.