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Wednesday Update**May 6, 2015**

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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Drought preparedness and leak detection to be discussed at Central Valley workshops

[Two workshops](#) covering drought preparedness and leak detection will be presented this summer by DWR and the California Rural Water Association. The program is designed for small communities and rural systems. It will cover drought preparedness and response, groundwater, and water loss accountability. The workshops will be Tuesday, June 30, in [Bakersfield](#), and Wednesday, July 1, in [Clovis](#).



Examining options for financing California's future water needs

[California Forward](#) has released [Financing the Future: How will California Pay for Tomorrow?](#), a report that includes a look at financing options for water infrastructure and management. Chapter 2, "[Where California needs to Invest—And how to pay for it](#)," outlines ways to increase water investment, with a reference (page 15) to some of the options presented in *California Water Plan Update 2013*. It also has five recommendations (page 19), including comprehensive revenue reform, to help finance future needs.

Interagency committee will receive updates on coordinated efforts in the Delta

The [Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee](#) is meeting next week in Sacramento as part of its effort to coordinate the numerous activities of government agencies with responsibilities in the Delta. The meeting on Monday, May 11, will include a discussion on the work being done to improve statewide water storage, and a report on the effort to combat invasive aquatic weeds in the Delta.

Flood protection board holding Yolo Bypass workshop this week

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board will conduct a [Yolo Bypass](#) workshop this week in Sacramento. DWR will report on the objectives and preliminary findings related to the Yolo Bypass Feasibility Study. The study is part of larger, [basin-wide effort](#) that will combine environmental conservation with flood system improvements. The meeting is Friday, May 8.

Draft application packet and guidelines available for conservancy grant program

The Delta Conservancy is accepting public comments on the [draft guidelines](#) and [draft application packet](#) for the Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program. Instructions on submitting comments, and details on public meetings regarding the application process, are available on the [conservancy's home page](#). The comment deadline is Friday, May 15.



California Water Summit sets dates for this summer in Sacramento

Save the dates for this summer's [California Water Summit](#). It will be June 29 to July 1, in Sacramento. There will be updates on California's new groundwater regulations, discussion of project selection for the \$7.5 billion water bond, and investment opportunities through public-private partnerships.