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Wednesday Update**May 20, 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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Draft California wildlife action plan ready to receive public comments

[Public comments](#) are being accepted on the draft [California State Wildlife Action Plan 2015 Update](#) (SWAP 2015). The plan provides a [comprehensive strategy](#) for conserving the natural habitats of California's fish and wildlife. [Public meetings](#) to discuss the draft SWAP 2015 have been scheduled for Sacramento, Oakland, San Diego, and Los Angeles. The comment deadline is July 2.



Series of groundwater update webinars scheduled to begin next month

A [series of webinars](#) has been scheduled to discuss the regional chapters of [California's Groundwater Update 2013](#). The first of three webinars will be Thursday, June 4. It will cover the Tulare Lake, Central Coast, and San Joaquin River hydrologic region chapters. The [Tulare Lake chapter](#) has been posted, the other two will be posted next week. Webinars covering other hydrologic regions will be held July 27 and August 26.

\$246 million in funding recommended for seven flood projects

Proposed funding recommendations have been made for seven California projects that will lower flood risks and improve wildlife habitat. DWR's [Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program](#) is recommending \$246 million in funding for seven proposals. The list of projects and instructions for submitting comments on the funding recommendations are available on the program's Web site.

IRWM grant program releases final guidelines and proposal solicitation package

DWR has released the final [guidelines](#) and [proposal solicitation package](#) for the [2015 Integrated Regional Water Management \(IRWM\) Grant Program](#). Two workshop will be held to discuss the application process; Monday, June 22, in Sacramento, and Tuesday, June 23, in Alhambra. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 7.

Integrated resource planning webinar will look at water and forests

The [upcoming webinars](#) offered by the [American Water Resources Association](#) include one on integrated resource planning for water and forests. The presentation on Thursday, July 16, looks at integrated water resource management, with specific reference to forest management, in a changing climate.



New date set for public hearing on Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook

The [public hearing](#) for the [Urban Water Management Plan \(UWMP\) Guidebook](#), originally scheduled for May 28, has been moved to June 22, in Sacramento. The final drafts of the wholesale and retail guidebooks will be discussed during the hearing. The updated UWMP Guidebook is expected to be released this summer.