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Wednesday Update**June 17, 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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Water board sets public workshop on water pricing to encourage conservation

The State Water Resources Control Board has scheduled a [public workshop](#) to discuss conservation pricing for water. The board wants to hear from agencies, suppliers, and stakeholders on the challenges associated with increasing rates to encourage water conservation. The workshop will be Wednesday, July 8, in Sacramento. The workshop notice includes instructions for submitting comment letters. They are due by noon on Wednesday, July 1.

NOAA offers strategies for dealing with drought impacts in California

A report from the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA) examines tactics and strategies that can be used to reduce the drought impacts in California. The [California Drought 2014 Service Assessment](#) looks at the key sectors of the state's economy that are vulnerable to extended drought. The report also has dozens of findings and recommendations to help improve weather forecasts and climate models.



Public policy institute develops groundwater management fact sheet

A [fact sheet](#) on California's groundwater management has been developed by the [Public Policy Institute of California](#). The sheet provides an outline of groundwater problems, and some of the actions that could lead to a sustainable supply. There is also a table detailing groundwater use in the state's 10 hydrologic regions.

CDFW releases information on fishery restoration and Proposition 1 grants

Information on two grant programs has been released by the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) (CDFW). It is accepting applications for [fisheries restoration grants](#). The funding is for projects in coastal watersheds and the Central Valley. CDFW will also hold a [public meeting](#) on Friday, June 26, in Sacramento, to discuss the proposal solicitation notice for its Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs.



Delta Stewardship Council to look at conservation plan, levee investment strategy

Changes related to the [Bay Delta Conservation Plan](#), and their implications for the [Delta Plan](#), will be discussed at [next week's meeting](#) of the Delta Stewardship Council. The council may also consider endorsing policy principles to guide development of the [Delta Levees Investment Strategy](#). The meeting will be Thursday, June 25, in Sacramento.