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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.

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California headwaters to be included in federal drought relief effort

In a joint media call this afternoon, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California Natural Resources Agency [will announce](#) that California headwaters will be part of a large-scale landscape management effort. The headwaters include watersheds in the Cascades and Sierra Nevada. Today's announcement will include other drought-related support for California. Last week, federal agencies announced [\\$110 million in drought support](#) for western farmers, workers, and rural communities.

Webinar will provide details on turf replacement initiative for California

[A webinar](#) on the [turf replacement initiative](#) being developed by DWR, will be held Thursday, July 2. There will be information on some of the provisions of the initiative, and a call for public comments. The initiative falls under an executive order from Governor Brown that calls for 50 million square feet of turf be replaced with drought-tolerant landscapes.

Information for water managers to be offered at water restrictions webinar

The Alliance for Water Efficiency is hosting [a webinar](#) to discuss outdoor water use restrictions, including watering schedules. It will feature the various options available to water managers, and will look at the successful restrictions being used in Valencia. The webinar will be Monday, July 6.



Conservation information available to landowners on new NRCS Web site

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has introduced a new Web site to help landowners and land users request technical and financial assistance on conservation matters. The [Conservation Client Gateway](#) offers access to technical information and application assistance. The NRCS is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Advisory committee will discuss public benefits of water storage projects

The California Water Commission's [Water Storage Investment Program](#) will hold a meeting for its [stakeholder advisory committee](#) on Wednesday, July 1, in Sacramento. The discussions will include the approach to quantify the public benefits of water storage projects. There will also be preliminary suggestions for assessing improvements to water quality and ecosystem benefits.

Legislature receives safe drinking water plan from water resources board

The State Water Resources Control Board has presented its [Safe Drinking Water Plan for California](#) to the Legislature. The plan looks at ways to improve access to safe drinking water in communities that rely on the 8,000 public water systems in the state. Details are available in this [news release](#).

