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Wednesday Update

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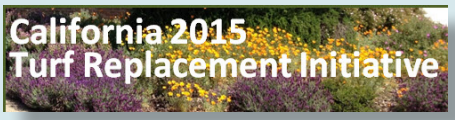
This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

California turf replacement guidelines made available ahead of public webinar



Guidelines for the California 2015 Turf Replacement Initiative are available for public review. They will be discussed during a webinar tomorrow, July 2. Governor Brown's April 1 drought executive order calls for replacing 50 million square feet of turf with drought-tolerant landscapes.

More details released on landscape management for California headwaters

More information has been posted on the landscape management effort for the California headwaters. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is providing details on the *Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative* which looks at the benefits of landscape-scale management approaches. The California headwaters includes watersheds in the Cascades and Sierra Nevada.

$28 million awarded by DWR to 25 water- and energy-saving projects

Grants totaling $28 million for 25 projects have been awarded under DWR's Water-Energy Grant Program. The projects will save water and energy, and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program's Web site has links to the list of funding awards, application evaluations, and geographical distribution of the grants.

Climate change booklet provides data for water management in California

DWR has released a booklet with data critical for climate change adaptation and mitigation. *California Climate and Science Data for Water Resources Management* summarizes the latest indicators, implications, and strategies with regard to a changing climate; and the connection between water and energy. DWR's Climate Change Program produced the booklet.

AWUE conducting survey on ideas for water-neutral growth in communities

The Alliance for Water Use Efficiency (AWUE) is looking for input on an effort to promote sustainable community development. This follows the release of a report from its Net Blue project to help communities achieve water-neutral growth. AWUE is conducting an online survey to help shape the strategy.

Brown bag seminar will explore challenges common to Great Lakes, Delta

Applying integrated ecosystem modeling methods from the Great Lakes to the Delta, will be discussed at the Delta Science Program's brown bag seminar on Tuesday, July 7, in Sacramento. John Wolfe of LimnoTech will discuss how ecological forecasting models have been used to meet challenges around the Great Lakes, and how they can be used to explore solutions for the Delta.

Central Valley flood protection is goal of multi-benefit coalition

A coalition of non-profit organizations has been formed to work on improving flood protection in the Central Valley. The Multi-Benefit Flood Protection Project also works to enhance fish and wildlife habitat by allowing rivers and floodplains to function more naturally. The group supports the framework established by the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.