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Wednesday Update**Aug. 5, 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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Efficient landscape ordinance to be discussed during webinar next week

A [webinar](#) to discuss California's [revised Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance](#) (MWELo) will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11. At last month's meeting, the [California Water Commission](#) approved the revised MWELo. The ordinance promotes efficient landscapes in new developments. DWR has [posted a document](#) on the revision.

Questions about draft UWMP guidebook will be answered at public meeting

A public meeting will be held this month for DWR's draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Guidebook. The meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 20, in Sacramento. The draft guidebook and other materials will be posted on the [meeting announcement page](#) by Aug. 17. A [webcast](#) of the meeting will be available.



Two workshops scheduled to answer agricultural water management plan questions

There will be two opportunities in the coming weeks to get guidance in the preparation of agricultural water management plans (AWMPs). Workshops will be Tuesday, Aug. 18, [in Fresno](#), and Tuesday, Aug. 25, [in Sacramento](#). DWR released the [2015 AWMP guidebook](#) last month.

Contamination of California's groundwater detailed in USGS report

A [report from the U.S. Geological Survey](#) (USGS) says there is a high concentration of contaminants in about 20 percent of the groundwater used for California's public supply. It means millions of Californians rely on public water systems with raw supplies having potentially unsafe contamination levels. The study took data from thousands of wells in 87 study areas across the state.

DWR mapping tool open for public comment through August 28

Public comments are being accepted on DWR's [Economically Distressed Area \(EDA\) Mapping Tool](#). It is an interactive map application that can assist with evaluating EDA status. The comment deadline is Friday, Aug. 28. [Tool instructions](#) are available online.

One Water Leadership Summit to be held this month in San Francisco

This year's [One Water Leadership Summit](#) will be Aug. 26-28, in San Francisco. Presentations will show how cities, including San Diego, Wichita, and Washington, D.C., have found solutions to water shortage and water quality problems. [The agenda](#) also has sessions on water value, desalination, and water partnerships.

Coastal commission posts final draft of sea level policy document

The final draft of the [Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance](#) document has been posted by the California Coastal Commission. The guidance is an advisory document and not a legal standard. It includes recommendations for addressing sea level rise. The commission will hear public testimony on this version during a [meeting](#) on Wednesday, Aug. 12, in Chula Vista.

