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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.

### DWR advisory group offers climate change perspective and guidance

With climate change adding to the stress on water resources in California, a report by DWR's Climate Change Technical Advisory Group offers a look at steps the state needs to take to adapt. *Perspectives and Guidance for Climate Change Analysis* represents the group's preliminary findings. The report includes global climate model selections appropriate for California water resources, planning for extreme conditions, and recommendations for future work.

### CalEPA reports on research plan needed to address climate change

Climate change is the focus of a report released by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). *Climate Change Research Plan for California* identifies research gaps that should be targeted in the coming years. Addressing the gaps would help identify mitigation and preparedness measures for the state.

### Project WET providing a climate science curriculum for teachers

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) and DWR's Climate Change team are offering two workshops next month on basic climate science. The information can help integrate climate science into the classroom. The workshops are Sept. 12, in Redding, and Sept. 19, in Fresno.

### Sierra Nevada Conservancy opens draft strategic plan to public comments

The public has until Sept. 11 to comment on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's draft *Strategic Action Plan*. It contains strategies to be implemented between January 2016 and June 2019. The draft calls for special focus on four programs, including the Watershed Improvement Program. Instructions for submitting comments are on the conservancy's home page.

### How NASA satellite missions are contributing to water resource management

A WestFAST webinar this week will provide an overview of NASA's satellite missions relevant to water resources management. The discussion will highlight NASA activities that apply remote sensing capabilities to water projects. The webinar will be tomorrow, Aug. 20.

### Groundwater basin overdraft to be discussed at meeting and webinar

DWR has scheduled a public meeting to discuss a draft list of 21 California groundwater basins and subbasins that have been subjected to critical overdraft. Comments will also be accepted during the meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25, in Clovis. A webinar on the draft list will be held Wednesday, Aug. 26.

### Sharing strategies for creating successful water rate structures

A workshop to provide water managers with the latest resources and strategies for developing successful water rate structures will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30, in Sacramento. Topics to be discussed include design of drought rates, and assessing revenue risk created by demand reduction. There will also be training on a forecasting tool that can help managers model rate structures.

**Notice: The Aug. 26 webinar for *California's Groundwater Update 2013* has been postponed. It will be rescheduled, but a new date hasn't been determined.**