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**Wednesday Update****Sept. 30, 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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### **Meetings scheduled to discuss implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

The State Water Resources Control Board has scheduled four [informational meetings](#) to discuss implementation of the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#). The meetings will include separate sessions for agencies and the public. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Valley Glen. Others will be held in Visalia, Sacramento, and Redding.

### **Webcast of latest meeting on groundwater sustainability regulations available online**

DWR has posted the [webcast](#) of last week's meeting on draft [Groundwater Sustainability Plan \(GSP\) Regulations](#). The topics included adaptive management, data collection, water budgets and state agency coordination. Emergency regulations for evaluating and implementing GSPs must be adopted by June 1, 2016.

### **Water utility rate design up for discussion at utilities commission workshops**

The [California Public Utilities Commission](#) is planning a [three-day workshop](#) to discuss investor owned water utility rate design. There will also be time spent on goals for potential rate design changes and possible implementation ideas. The workshops will be Oct. 13-15, in San Francisco.



### **Technical panel sets two-day meeting to review final landscape water use report**

The Independent Technical Panel on Demand Management Measures will hold a [two-day meeting](#) and [webinar](#) this week to review its final report on landscape water use. The meeting will be in Sacramento on Oct. 1 and 2. Remote [call-in locations](#) will be available in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Washington, D.C.

### **EPA accepting proposals for urban water projects that address runoff pollution**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting proposals for the latest round of [Urban Water Small Grants](#) projects. The projects should address urban runoff pollution while producing multiple community benefits. Approximately \$1.6 million in funding is available, with each award expected to range between \$40,000 and \$60,000. The deadline for [submitting proposals](#) is Friday, Nov. 20.

### **Concern over ballast water prompts DSC to consider feasibility of treatment plants**

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) is taking a look at the feasibility of developing treatment facilities for ballast water used by large ships. The idea will be discussed at a [workshop](#) on Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Sacramento. Information on the concern regarding the release of ballast water in the Delta is available on the [DSC Web site](#).



### **Workshop on surface water datasets being held in Davis next month**

A [technical workshop](#) on the National Hydrology Dataset and Watershed Boundary Dataset is being offered Tuesday, Oct. 20, in Davis. The [datasets](#) are used to portray surface water on a national map. The workshop is sponsored by the [California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum](#).