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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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Workshops set for draft guidelines of agricultural water efficiency grants

DWR has scheduled three workshops to discuss the [draft guidelines and proposal solicitation package](#) for the [Agricultural Water Use Efficiency 2015 Grants](#). The grant funding will cover a wide range of agricultural water use efficiency projects. The first workshop will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Glendale. The other two will be in Sacramento on Nov. 4, and in Oroville on Nov. 5.

Water commission hosting three public meetings to discuss WSIP

The public will get a chance to learn more about the California Water Commission's [Water Storage Investment Program](#) (WSIP) during three meetings scheduled this month. Discussions will include water quality priorities and WSIP regulations. The meetings begin Monday, Oct. 12, in [Lafayette](#). The other meetings will be in [Clovis](#) and [Yuba City](#).



Central Valley conservation strategy to be discussed at workshop this week

The draft [Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy](#) will be the topic of a [workshop](#) this Friday, Oct. 9, in West Sacramento. There will be a report on public comments received on the draft, and an outline for incorporating the strategy into the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan update.

Integrated regional development plan on agenda for Strategic Growth Council

An update on the effort to promote [integrated regional conservation and development](#) is on the agenda for next week's [Strategic Growth Council](#) meeting. A working group is developing a more consistent framework for performing regional conservation assessments. The meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 15, in Sacramento.

Water district workshop focuses on water portfolio for Southern California

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is holding a [public workshop](#) to discuss its integrated water resources plan. [The plan](#) will serve as a blueprint for long-term water supply reliability in Southern California. The workshop will be Thursday, Oct. 22, in Los Angeles.



Teaming up to provide \$6 million in water technology development

A [new website](#) is providing details on a \$6 million effort to develop technology for optimizing water and energy use. The [Electric Power Research Institute](#) and the [National Science Foundation](#) are working together on the three-year project. The work will focus on improving water use, with an emphasis on energy and water use efficiency.

Environmental data sharing vision posted by Delta Science Program

The Delta Science Program has released a white paper titled, [Enhancing the Vision for Managing California's Environmental Information](#). It advocates future collaboration of environmental data sharing among State and federal agencies, academic institutions, and other public entities.