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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.

Work completed on wildlife action plan, report under review

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has completed work on the 2015 update of the [California State Wildlife Action Plan](#). It provides conservation strategies to help protect and conserve at-risk species and habitats. The report is under review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Details are available [here](#).



Comment period opens for small community flood reduction draft guidelines

Comments are being accepted on DWR's draft [Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Guidelines](#). The [program](#) is part of the implementation of the [2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan](#). Details on submitting comments, and information about upcoming workshops, are available on the [guidelines and workshops](#) web page. The comment deadline is Friday, Dec. 11.

New USGS interactive tool can help predict pesticide contamination

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has developed a new [interactive tool](#) that provides predicted concentrations of pesticides in streams and rivers. The [Watershed Regressions for Pesticides](#) has information on thousands of streams across the country. Water managers can use it to create maps that help determine where pesticide concentrations may exceed quality standards.

SGC updates offer details on greenhouse gases and agricultural land programs

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has posted updates on two programs. The California Air Resources board has released its draft [greenhouse gas quantification methodology](#) for the council's [Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program](#). Also available are the [draft guidelines](#) for the SGC's [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program](#).



UCLA workshop will take a close look at California's food, energy, and water issues

Registration is open through the end of the month for this year's [food, energy, water nexus](#) workshop at UCLA. During the three-day event, presentations will address the threats to California's food, energy and water systems, and discuss potential solutions. The workshop will run Dec. 2-4.

Science program's brown bag seminar will provide a Delta history lesson

A Delta history lesson will be featured at the next [brown bag seminar](#) sponsored by the [Delta Science Program](#). Two members from the University of the Pacific's history department will discuss the changes that have taken place in the Delta during the last 150 years. The seminar will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, in Sacramento.

Save the dates for the annual California Water Policy Conference

Save the dates for next year's [California Water Policy Conference](#). It will be April 20 and 21, in Davis. Leaders from the agricultural, urban water, and environmental communities are invited to discuss policy issues related to California's water. This will be the 25th year of the annual conference. The agenda is being developed.

