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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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### **Water utilities will be the focus of next month's International Water and Climate Forum**

San Diego will be the site of the [International Water and Climate Forum](#) on Dec. 7-9. The discussions will focus on the efforts of utilities to implement climate adaptation and mitigating strategies. That includes preparing to take on the challenges of improving water sustainability and resilience in urban environments.

### **Office of Sustainable Water Solutions releases latest newsletter**

The State Water Board's [Office of Sustainable Water Solutions](#) has released its [latest newsletter](#). The new edition has updates on funding and technical assistance for California's small drinking water systems and disadvantaged communities. A [Spanish version](#) is available.



### **UC Davis soil index identifies farmland suitable for groundwater recharge**

The search for California farmland with the greatest potential for groundwater recharge may have gotten easier with a map developed at UC Davis. The [Soil Agricultural Groundwater Banking Index](#) determines how likely the land could accommodate deep percolation without causing significant crop problems or groundwater contamination. An article in [California Agriculture](#) has details.

### **Irrigation district offering workshop on well drilling in the Central Valley**

The [Tulare Irrigation District](#) and the American Groundwater Trust Program are offering a [workshop](#) on drilling, installing, and operating water wells. The presentations will provide Central Valley groundwater users with information on groundwater supply and pumping sustainability. The workshop is Dec. 14, in Tulare.



### **Water commission posts updated draft regulations for water storage program**

The [California Water Commission](#) has posted an updated working draft of regulations for its [Water Storage Investment Program](#). A clean [copy of the new draft](#) and a [copy showing the edits](#) made to the previous version, are both available.

### **Report suggests reforms for California's water allocation system**

The [Public Policy Institute of California](#) has released a report on the state's water allocation system. [Allocating California's Water: Directions for Reform](#) details the state's array of water rights and examines how they affect the state's ability to meet critical needs. The report suggests reforms to strengthen the state's ability to endure droughts, while maintaining existing water rights.

### **State and federal water collaboration discussed at EPA meeting**

State and federal officials took another step last month to improve collaboration on priority water resource needs and issues. The idea of better collaboration was discussed at a meeting hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, DC. Details are available in the latest edition of the [WestFAST News](#).

