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**Wednesday Update****Dec. 2, 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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### Applications being accepted for \$16 million in irrigation project funding

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is [accepting applications](#) for funding of irrigation projects that reduce energy use, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and save water. The [State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program](#) is expected to award a total of up to \$16 million for eligible projects. During the next week, [workshops](#) will be held in Orange, Sacramento, and Merced counties.

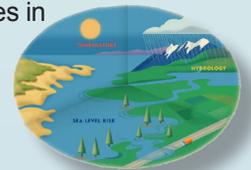


### Comment deadline for climate change plans extended to Dec. 10

The California Natural Resources Agency has extended the comment deadline on a draft report outlining the state's plan to prepare for, and adapt to, the effects of climate change. Comments on [Safeguarding California: Implementation Action Plans](#) will be accepted until Thursday, Dec. 10. Instructions for submitting comments are available on the [Safeguarding California](#) web page.

### Climate change diagram available to assist California tribes in preparing for impacts

A [diagram](#) to assist California's tribal communities in identifying areas where they may be vulnerable to the anticipated impacts of climate change, is being made available by DWR. Studies indicate the impacts will increase stress on the natural resources that are critical to tribal communities.



Tribes can also refer to DWR's [climate change matrices](#) to identify vulnerabilities and adaptation strategies.

### Newsletter puts a spotlight on the concern over harmful algal blooms

The [latest newsletter](#) from the National Water Quality Monitoring Council has been released online. The biannual publication is geared to advance water science and enhance data integration. The current issue includes a report on harmful algal blooms.

### PPIC assembles fact sheet on California's water quality challenges

The [Public Policy Institute of California](#) (PPIC) has put together a [fact sheet](#) on the state's water quality challenges. The PPIC reported that most regions of California face multiple water quality challenges. The fact sheet includes a map showing the areas of California affected by the challenges.

### Water leaders class releases final report on managing drought

The Water Education Foundation's annual water leaders class has wrapped up the year with the release of its final report, [Managing Drought for the Economy and the Environment](#). The foundation is [accepting applications](#) for next year's water leaders class. They must be submitted by Monday, Dec. 7.

### Webinar offering details on how to grow a watershed investment fund

The process of building and growing a watershed investment fund will be discussed during a [Carpe Diem West webinar](#) on Wednesday, Dec. 16. The information will include ways to build partnerships for watershed restoration, and the strategy used to secure income streams for a forest fund in Arizona.