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Wednesday Update**Dec. 9, 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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Draft environmental goals report outlines climate change strategy for California

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has released a new draft of its [environmental goals and policy report](#). The support for California's climate change goals are outlined in [A Strategy for California @ 50 Million](#). The strategy includes actions to ensure that California has a resilient and sustainable water system.

USGS looking to fund data providers for groundwater monitoring network

The [U.S. Geological Survey](#) (USGS) will award up to \$2 million in grants next year to support participation in the [National Ground-Water Monitoring Network](#). The network is a cooperative groundwater data collection system. The funding will support data providers in the network. Applications are due by Jan. 19.

Water board's direct potable reuse group sets next meeting for Jan. 19

The next meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board's Advisory Group on Direct Potable Reuse will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, in Fountain Valley. The group provides advice on the feasibility of developing criteria for direct potable reuse. When details of the meeting are finalized, they will be posted on the [group's website](#).



Small communities program releases draft guidelines for flood risk reduction

The draft [Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Guidelines](#) has been posted and is available for comment. The program is designed to help non-urban communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. A workshop will be held in Courtland on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Workshop details and instructions for submitting comments are available on the [guidelines and workshops](#) web page.

Water commission to discuss Water Storage Investment Program draft regulations

The [next meeting](#) of the California Water Commission will include a discussion on the [draft regulations](#) for the [Water Storage Investment Program](#). The latest version of the regulations was posted last week. The meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Sacramento.

Two new reports highlight the benefits of landscape conservation cooperatives

The National Academy of Sciences has released [A Review of the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives](#).



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The report concludes a landscape approach is needed to address the nation's conservation challenges, and that the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) provide a framework to meet that need. Also, the [LCC Network](#) released its [Conservation Science Plan](#) which uses a strategic framework to promote collaboration on conservation issues.

Agricultural workshop to offer water management strategies for perennial crops

A [two-day workshop](#) on water management strategies for perennial crops is set for Jan. 12 and 13, in Modesto. It is being organized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service. The workshop sessions include water technology, alternative water supplies, and water management strategies during a drought.