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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.

Briefing to discuss taking the California Water Action Plan to the next level

The next steps for the *California Water Action Plan* will be discussed during a day-long briefing on Jan. 14, in Sacramento. Since the plan was released almost two years ago, progress has been made on several elements including State drought response, passage of the *Sustainable Groundwater Management Act*, and guidelines to fund surface and groundwater storage. The free briefing will look at accomplishments and discuss the next steps. The online registration includes a webcast option.

White House sets the stage for a water summit in March

The Obama administration will host a water summit at the White House on Tuesday, March 22 (World Water Day), to jump-start actions for building a sustainable and secure water future through innovative science and technology. The summit announcement follows the release of this month's report detailing a water technology innovation strategy. The White House is inviting online submittal of ideas for discussion at the summit.

Interactive presentation illustrates the Colorado River Basin drought

The U.S. Department of the Interior has developed an interactive presentation that illustrates the drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin. Open data was used to explore the current drought. The presentation also looks at some of the efforts to manage the drought.

Water pricing workshop will include success stories from around the world

International experts will be attending a workshop in Sacramento to discuss market-based incentives to address water scarcity. The two-day water pricing workshop will be Feb. 2 and 3. Presentations will include case studies from around the world that illustrate how water-pricing mechanisms have promoted water conservation.

Contributors being sought for two studies on outdoor water use

The Alliance for Water Efficiency is looking for contributors to two new studies on outdoor water use. One study will quantify water savings generated by landscaping programs; the other will look at savings from outdoor watering restrictions. The studies follow a water-saving report released earlier this year.

Wild and Scenic River findings released for three national forests

The U.S. Forest Service has posted the latest Wild and Scenic Rivers inventory, eligibility, and classification findings. The information covers the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra national forests. This is the latest step in the process of revising the land and resource management plans for the three forests.