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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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Draft guidelines for IRWM grants made available for public comment

The [Proposition 1](#) draft guidelines for the [2016 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program](#) are posted and available for public comment. The program provides funding for projects that support integrated water management. DWR will host three [public workshops](#) on the draft guidelines beginning Monday, Feb. 22, in Sacramento. The [public comment deadline](#) is Friday, March 18.



The list of California's critically overdrafted groundwater basins hits 21

DWR has released a list of 21 [critically overdrafted groundwater basins](#) in California. Most of the basins are in the [San Joaquin Valley](#). Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, basins on [the list](#) must have groundwater sustainability plans in place by Jan. 31, 2020.

\$6.6 million in funding recommendations posted for counties with stressed basins

Draft funding recommendations have been released for [21 projects](#) in counties with stressed basins. The 21 projects were chosen from a list of 23 submissions. The total recommended funding is more than \$6.6 million. [Public comments](#) on the draft list must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 8.

USGS offers details on resources that buffer California's drought

An [information page](#) developed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) details how snowpack, rain, and reservoirs are used to buffer the California drought. There are almost 1,300 reservoirs in the state, but only about 200 are considered storage reservoirs. The information includes monthly totals of water stored in California's largest reservoirs.

Map provides a look at California's regional climate change vulnerabilities

Climate change vulnerability can mean different things in different parts of California. The geologic and biological diversity of the state creates a variety of concerns from one region to the next. To illustrate the differences, DWR's [Climate Change Program](#) has developed a [statewide map](#). More information is available in last year's report, [California Climate Science and Data for Water Resources Management](#).



A Caltrans symposium with a quick course in understanding the science of climate change

The Caltrans Sustainability Program is offering an [online symposium](#) on understanding the science and effects of climate change. It will be Friday, Jan. 29. Those who register are asked to take a [survey](#) to help identify areas of interest.

SWAMP newsletter makes its debut with look at toxic water blooms

The [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#) (SWAMP) has released its [inaugural newsletter](#). The quarterly publication will highlight the program's water quality monitoring efforts throughout the state. The first issue includes a look at the threat of toxic blooms that are popping up in California's water.