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Wednesday Update**Feb. 3, 2016**

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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DWR releases final version of 2015 UWMP Guidebook and appendices

The final version of the [2015 Urban Water Management Plan \(UWMP\) Guidebook](#), and its [appendices](#), have been released by DWR. No further changes are anticipated, meaning this version may be used for completing 2015 UWMPs. The guidebook will become final upon approval by DWR management.

Guidelines posted for \$30 million in agricultural water use efficiency grants

The final [guidelines and proposal solicitation package](#) have been released for \$30 million in grant funding under the Proposition 1 [Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants program](#). The funding is available for a wide range of projects including construction, research, and training. A [workshop and webinar](#) will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Sacramento, to provide information on submitting applications.



Annual State Water Project management report available online

The annual report, [Management of the California State Water Project \(SWP\)](#), is available online. It covers water supply planning, construction, financing management, and operation activities of the SWP. Local assistance programs, power resources, and Delta environmental issues are also part of the report.

CWC issues proposed regulations, begins accepting concept papers for projects

The California Water Commission (CWC) has [proposed regulations](#) for quantifying and managing the public benefits of water storage projects. [Comments](#) on the proposed regulations must be submitted by Monday, March 14. The commission is also [accepting concept papers](#) for Water Storage Investment Project funding. The deadline for submitting concept papers is Thursday, March 31.



Taking a lesson from Wisconsin on setting up a framework for water rate stability

A webcast examining new [frameworks for water rate stability](#) will be presented Tuesday, Feb. 16. The event will be hosted by [WaterSmart Software](#) and will look at how the Wisconsin Public Service Commission has integrated water conservation and efficiency considerations into its rate structure process.

PPIC includes water management in briefing kit on California's pressing issues

A [briefing kit](#) from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) on the state's most pressing issues includes a segment on [water management](#). It says progress has been made, but population growth and climate change are likely to intensify the challenges that will require difficult solutions.

Registration opens for April's California Water Policy Conference in Davis

[Registration](#) is open for the annual [California Water Policy Conference](#). It will be at the UC Davis Conference Center on April 20 and 21. The conference provides a forum for agricultural, urban, and environmental leaders to discuss the state's water policy issues.