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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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How this season's precipitation is adding up for California water project operations

A [briefing](#) on how this season's precipitation is affecting California's water project operations will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Sacramento Convention Center. The event is open to the public and will cover hydrologic conditions, the need for fishery flows, and an overview of groundwater conditions. The briefing is sponsored by DWR and the [Water Education Foundation](#).

Speaker series to explore ideas for new sources of water in California

The next installment of the California Public Utilities Commission's [speaker series](#) will discuss the costs of developing new sources of water for the state. Panelists will look at ways to conserve, recycle, and desalinate water to meet California's need. The session will be Thursday, Feb. 25, in San Francisco, and will be [webcast](#).



Water commission agenda includes election, Water Storage Investment Program update

This month's [meeting of the California Water Commission](#) will be Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Sacramento. The commissioners will be electing a new chair and vice-chair, and will receive an update on activities to implement the [Water Storage Investment Program](#).

Tribal beneficial use definitions on the next agenda of the SWRCB

At [next week's meeting](#), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will consider a resolution to develop beneficial use definitions pertaining to [tribal traditions and culture](#). The definitions would be included as part of a statewide water quality control planning process. The SWRCB meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Sacramento.



GAO report calls for establishment of federal climate information system

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is recommending the federal government develop a [national climate information system](#). Many federal agencies collect climate data, but it is used in different ways to meet specific agency missions. A GAO report says once a federal system is established, the climate information would be made available to state, local, and private entities.

Delta Stewardship Council publishes interactive version of 2015 annual report

An interactive version of the Delta Stewardship Council's [2015 annual report](#) is available online. It provides the option of clicking on subheadings to get more information on particular subjects. The report covers the council's priorities and accomplishments in several areas including habitat restoration and water supply reliability.



Water Education Foundation briefing will take a close look at Delta, climate change

The state of the Delta will be one of the primary topics at the Water Education Foundation's [2016 Executive Briefing](#) on Thursday, March 17, in Sacramento. Other topics on the [agenda](#) include implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and strategies for dealing with climate change.