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Wednesday Update**Feb. 17, 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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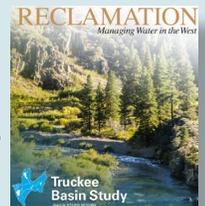
Sierra watershed strategy available for public review and comment

Public comments are being accepted on the [Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Regional Strategy](#). It has details on trends, plans, and efforts to influence watershed health in the Sierra. The [comment deadline](#) is Friday, March 18.



Projecting this century's climate change impacts on the Truckee Basin

A [study of the Truckee Basin](#) is projecting the ways climate change will impact water supplies during this century. The the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation report provides water managers with information on the basin's water supply, plus offers potential options to meet future demand. The [executive summary](#) and a [news release](#) have details.



Stanford report turns to the electricity sector for possible water project solutions

A [new report](#) from Stanford University takes ideas from the electricity sector and applies them to a framework for funding water projects. The report calls for significant investment in the water infrastructure. It identifies techniques, used on electricity projects, which have the potential to bridge the financing gap to update water systems.

California's water policy history and conflicts chronicled in new book

A new book by a former executive director of the [Water Education Foundation](#) chronicles the history of water policy in California. [Water: More or Less](#) by Rita Schmidt Sudman and Stephanie Taylor looks at the state's water conflicts and prominent moments of change. It provides potential solutions to policy problems, and includes the thoughts of 20 water policy leaders.



Delta Stewardship Council to discuss 2016 priorities, performance measures

At its [next meeting](#), the Delta Stewardship Council will discuss its priorities for 2016. The council's executive officer, deputy executive officers, and lead scientist will take part in the discussion. Council members will also consider adopting new [Delta Plan performance measures](#). The meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 25, in Sacramento.

Fish and wildlife spells out its list of major accomplishments in 2015

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has published a list of its [major accomplishments in 2015](#). The list includes water restoration grants that totaled \$21 million. The grants funded 12 projects that will restore sensitive habitats in coastal wetlands, mountain meadows, and the Delta.



Water quality council to get briefing on statewide algal bloom strategy

The next meeting of the [California Water Quality Monitoring Council](#) will be Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Sacramento. The [agenda](#) includes a presentation on a statewide strategy to deal with [harmful algal blooms](#). There will also be discussion on potential changes in the way the council is structured and organized.