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## Wednesday Update March 16, 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.

### Back-to-back groundwater symposiums offered by the GRA this month

The Groundwater Resources Association (GRA) of California is offering two symposiums in one this month. A symposium on funding groundwater sustainability will be held Tuesday, March 29, in Sacramento. The next day, at the same location, will be the GRA's annual legislative symposium.

### Drought challenges and solutions to be discussed at San Diego conference

The U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage is planning a conference for California this spring. Water Shortages and Drought: From Challenges to Solutions will be held May 17-20, in San Diego. The program includes field tours of the San Vicente Dam and the Imperial Irrigation District.

### Details on El Nino and sea level rise highlight latest edition of WestFAST newsletter

The latest edition of the Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) newsletter includes details on a federal study on how El Niño affects the weather. There is also information about a NASA report on sea level rise. WestFAST is a coalition of agencies with water management responsibilities in the West.

### Meadow study looks at groundwater storage in Sierra Nevada forests

The U.S. Forest Service has completed a hydrological assessment of meadows in the national forests of the Sierra Nevada. The study evaluated the role of meadow erosion and restorations when it comes to storing and releasing groundwater. It found that restoration of all eroded meadows could provide an additional 35,000 acre-feet of annual groundwater storage.

### Annual water policy conference set for next month in Sacramento

An annual conference on California water policy is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, in Sacramento. The event is presented by Capitol Weekly and the UC Center. Panel discussions will include fiscal impact, water storage, and the political forces that play a role in shaping water policy.

### New Envision website offers updated resources for sustainable projects

A resource for developing more sustainable infrastructure projects has a new look. Envision has launched its new website. The update includes a redesigned project scoresheet that offers quicker project assessments, better collaboration among team members, and multiple reporting options.

### Public workshops on Natural and Working Lands and Forest Carbon Plan

The California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Natural Resources Agency, California Air Resources Board, and Governor's Office of Planning and Research are jointly hosting a public workshop on the Natural and Working Lands sector on March 23, at the CalEPA Headquarters Building. A Forest Climate Action Team (FCAT) workshop will be held earlier at the same location. More information about the FCAT Forest Carbon Plan public workshop can be found here. A live webcast will be available for both meetings.