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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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USGS offering funding to help support national groundwater network

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is looking to establish cooperative agreements to support the [National Ground-Water Monitoring Network](#). The USGS will award up to \$4 million to help the agreements participate in the network that will collect groundwater data from across the country. Details on applying for the funding are available in this [USGS news release](#).



Forest service and conservancy present webinar on California Headwaters Partnership

The U.S. Forest Service and the [Sierra Nevada Conservancy](#) is teaming up to present a [webinar](#), Wednesday, April 27, on the Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative, California Headwaters Partnership. The discussion will cover watershed assessments and other collaborative efforts in the California Headwaters region.

Water use efficiency training being offered in the Central Valley

The Local Government Commission has launched a new [Water Strong Communities](#) program which provides training on water use efficiency. Training to become a [qualified water-efficient landscaper](#) is set for April 26-28, in Fresno. A workshop on [community engagement in water resource planning](#) will be held in Reedley on Tuesday, May 3.

CWEMF sets schedule for annual meeting and series of workshops

The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) has released the schedule for its annual meeting and several workshops. The [annual meeting](#) will be April 11-13, in Folsom. It has a session on California Water Plan Update 2018: Employing Integrated Water Management Tools for Sustainable Outcomes. A schedule for five workshops is available on the [CWEMF home page](#).

Investment program regulations to be discussed at water commission workshop

The California Water Commission's [Water Storage Investment Program Quantification Regulations](#) will be discussed during a workshop on Monday, April 11, in Sacramento. [The agenda](#) will include the remaining process and timeline leading up to the commission's adoption of the regulations.

Sustainable communities and high-speed rail on Strategic Growth Council agenda

The [next meeting](#) of the Strategic Growth Council will be Monday, April 11, in Sacramento. The council will receive an update on a technical assistance pilot program and other outreach efforts in support of affordable housing and sustainable communities. Discussion of integrated regional conservation and development for the California high-speed rail is also on the agenda.

Scientific panel calls for coordinated action plan to preserve ocean chemistry

A scientific panel is calling for a coordinated action plan to prevent changes in the ocean's chemistry along the west coast of North America. [The West Coast Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Science Panel](#) has been exploring ways to combat the effects of ocean acidification. [The panel's report](#) calls for multi-agency actions including identifying strategies for reducing land-based pollution entering coastal waters. Details are available in this [news release](#).