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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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DWR accepting comments on draft water-energy grant documents

DWR's draft documents for the [2016 Water-Energy Grant Solicitation](#) have been released and are available for comment. The grants will fund projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce water and energy use. Instructions for submitting comments are available on the [Water-Energy Grant Program web page](#). More information about the draft documents will be available at [three public meetings](#), beginning Wednesday, May 11, in Sacramento.

Seminar will take a look at recently adopted stormwater strategy

The California Water Boards' recently adopted [Storm Water Strategy](#) will be discussed during a seminar on Monday, April 18, in Sacramento. The intent of the strategy is to establish stormwater as a valuable resource and encourage its application to beneficial uses. [The seminar](#) is part of an effort to provide education on stormwater management strategies.



Technical panel to take up draft report on landscape water use efficiency

The [Independent Technical Panel on Demand Management Measures](#) will discuss its [draft report](#) on landscape water use efficiency during a [meeting](#) on April 14 and 15, in Sacramento. The panel will also take final actions on proposals in the report before forwarding it to the Legislature.

Free webinar to discuss what California can learn from Australia's drought measures

A [free webinar](#) on lessons California can learn from Australia's millennium drought, will be offered Monday, May 2. The authors of [Managing Drought: Learning from Australia](#) will discuss the initiatives implemented in Australia's largest cities to deal with the prolonged drought. The authors believe some of the measures could help California deal with its current water situation.



Update on groundwater sustainability plans will be presented to CWC

The [next meeting](#) of the California Water Commission (CWC) will include an update on public comments received for the draft [Groundwater Sustainability Plan Regulations](#). CWC staff will discuss the comments and present the final draft of the regulations. The meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, in Sacramento. A [webcast](#) will be available.

Watershed University offers a free lesson to California water managers

On April 27 and 28, a free [Watershed University](#) event will be offered to water management professionals throughout California. It will be held in Merced County and an online option will be available. The topics include collaborating for integrated water management, and an update on the [Governor's Water Action Plan](#). The event is part of an effort to offer information to communities that can't afford to send employees to conferences.

