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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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Two sustainable groundwater management meetings scheduled for California tribes

The tribal advisory group for DWR's Sustainable Groundwater Management Program has two more [informational meetings](#) scheduled for tribes in the state. The meetings will be Thursday, April 28, in Valley Center, and Thursday, May 12, in Redwood Valley. The [agenda](#) includes an update on groundwater regulations, and developing ways for tribes and local agencies to collaborate on groundwater sustainability plans.

Considering fire as a drought management tool in state forests

A [webinar](#) on whether fire is a good tool for fighting drought will be presented by the [California Landscape Conservation Cooperative](#) tomorrow, April 21. The discussion will include information on how prescribed fires might increase a forest's resistance to severe drought. Reduction in tree density will also be explored as a drought-fighting measure.



In-depth study looks at water use in single-family homes

An [in-depth look](#) at water usage in single-family residences has been published by the [Water Research Foundation](#). The study found households use an average of 88,000 gallons of water per year. It also provides information on the potential for more conservation. This report is an update to a [study done in 1999](#).

Draft guidelines released for urban rivers program offering \$20 million in grants

The [California Natural Resources Agency](#) is accepting comments for the draft [California Urban Rivers Grant Program guidelines](#). Approximately \$20 million in grants will be available for green infrastructure projects. A list of public hearings on the guidelines, and instructions for submitting comments, are available on [program's web page](#). The comment period runs through Friday, June 17.

New request form offers path to assistance for small communities

A new [request form](#) is available to small, disadvantaged communities in need of [technical assistance to develop projects](#) for Proposition 1 funding programs. The [Office of Sustainable Water Solutions](#) is offering the assistance. Potential types of help to be made available include legal, project coordination, and environmental analysis.

Annual Green California Summit opens this week in Sacramento

The 10th annual [Green California Summit](#) will be this week, April 21 and 22, in Sacramento. It provides a showcase for the latest in policy and technology. Some of [the sessions](#) will highlight strategies and technologies that are helping to attain sustainability goals. The summit will feature [an expo](#) offering green services and products, including automobiles.

