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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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### California Water Plan website gets new look in preparation for Update 2018

The website for the [California Water Plan](#) has been given a new look

and new features in preparation for developing [California Water Plan Update 2018](#). The Water Plan team will be launching the Update 2018 public engagement process this summer, and opportunities to get involved will be announced soon. The website has links to all five volumes of [Update 2013](#), along with information on [resource management strategies](#), [groundwater](#), [water quality](#), and much more.

### White paper sets the stage for report on water available for groundwater replenishment

DWR has released a [white paper](#) describing the technical and policy foundations that will guide the content of an upcoming report on [water available for replenishment](#) of groundwater. Under the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#), DWR is directed to publish the final report by the end of the year. DWR's initial estimates of available water will give groundwater sustainability agencies a starting point for projects that could help replenishment.

### Newsletter provides details on tool for planning green projects in urban areas

The latest issue of the National Water Quality Monitoring Council's [newsletter](#) includes an article on the [Green Plan-It](#) tool. It is being used in the San Francisco Bay area to place green infrastructure projects in urban watersheds. The newsletter is designed to advance water science and encourage collaboration on water issues.

### Farm projects receive \$16 million to improve water and energy efficiency

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has [awarded \\$16 million in grants](#) for farm projects that will reduce greenhouse gases and save water. The funding covers [129 projects](#) across the state. They include improved irrigation systems and the installation of energy-efficient water pumps. The grants are part of the [State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program](#).



### Delta committee will get updates on science actions and adaptive approaches

An update on a science action agenda will be part of the next meeting of the [Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee](#). There will also be a presentation on incorporating adaptive approaches to improve management of the Delta. The meeting will be Monday, May 9, in Sacramento.

### Water association's spring conference set for later this month

The California Water Association's [spring conference](#) is set for May 18-20, in Sacramento. The conference theme is, "Improving our Water IQ." Presentations include ideas for maintaining drought communication, and a look at some of the water issues in this year's session of the Legislature.