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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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Governor's order sets course for California's new water efficiency framework

Governor Brown [has taken steps](#) to establish a new water use efficiency framework for California. He issued an [executive order](#) designed to bolster the state's drought resilience and preparedness by establishing longer-term water conservation measures that includes: permanent monthly water use reporting, new urban water use targets, reducing system leaks and eliminating clearly wasteful practices, strengthening urban drought contingency plans, and improving agricultural water management and drought plans. For the release of the executive order, DWR Director Mark Cowin [remarked on the importance](#) of making water conservation a way of life in California.



Emergency regulations for groundwater sustainability to be considered May 18

DWR has released the proposed [Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations](#). Groundwater sustainability agencies and local public agencies must comply with the regulations, under the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#), to sustainably manage high- and medium-priority groundwater basins. On May 18, the regulations will be presented to the [California Water Commission](#) for consideration and adoption.

Calculating a household's water footprint is now only a few clicks away

DWR's new [Water Footprint](#) web page includes two calculators to help determine water usage. The GRACE Communications Foundation developed a [calculator](#) that individuals and households can use to calculate their water footprint. The Water Footprint Network has a [calculator](#) that estimates an individual's personal water footprint.



An opportunity for water professionals to meet with peers to discuss conservation

Water conservation professionals are invited to attend the California Urban Water Conservation Council's [Peer to Peer 2016](#) training. It will be June 1 and 2, in San Francisco. The presentations and exhibits will provide information on skills and tools to improve water conservation and efficiency.

Free workshop offers lessons beyond the basics of drought-tolerant landscapes

A workshop on some of the finer points of [drought-tolerant landscapes](#) will be held May 18, in Escondido. In addition to going beyond basic information, the workshop also aims to connect water and utility agencies, with the nursery industry. The workshop is free, but registration is required.

EPA hopes to build relationships that improve water-efficient landscaping

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) webinar series on [outdoor water efficiency](#) will continue on Wednesday, May 25. It will look at ways to build relationships between irrigation professionals and utilities. The information will include case studies or relationships that led to improved water-efficient landscape irrigation in their communities.