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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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Panel releases final draft of report on landscape water use efficiency

DWR's [Independent Technical Panel](#) has released the final draft of its report to the Legislature on recommendations for [landscape water use efficiency](#). It outlines efficiency and reduction measures. The report has recommendations for several categories including voluntary landscape replacement, improving existing landscapes, and policies and regulations.

GSP symposium for groundwater sustainability agencies set for next month

A [two-day symposium](#) on developing groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) is being offered by the Groundwater Resources Association of California, June 8 and 9, in Sacramento. [Agenda](#) items include details on the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#), and updates on GSP regulations for groundwater sustainability agencies.



Salt and nitrate plan on agenda for Central Valley water board

A [public workshop](#) for a salt and nitrate management plan in the Central Valley will be held June 22, in Rancho Cordova. The plan will provide a blueprint for the [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's](#) regulation of salt and nitrates in the valley. Topics to be discussed include potential changes to water quality objectives and alternative compliance strategies.

NOAA dashboard offers one-stop shopping for national water data

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA) has put together a one-stop website with information on drought, flooding, precipitation, and other water data. The list of categories offered by the [Water Resources Dashboard](#) includes current drought status, storm predictions, and river levels across the country. Details are available in this NOAA [news release](#).



Fish and Wildlife accepting applications for restoration grants

Applications are being accepted for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's [Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs](#). The funding is for watershed restoration and for Delta water quality and ecosystem restoration. The application deadline is June 24. An [online workshop](#) will be held Monday, June 6.

Comment period opens for California Urban River Grant Program guidelines

The Urban Rivers Grant Program has three more public meeting to discuss the guidelines for the [California Urban Rivers Grants](#). The next meeting will be May 20, in Sacramento. Others will be in San Jose and Los Angeles. The meeting details, and instructions for submitting comments, are on the [program's web page](#).

Defense Department report considers scenarios for rising sea levels

With hundreds of coastal military sites around the world, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) took a look at scenarios involving rising sea levels. The result is a [new report](#) that considers a range of scenarios throughout the rest of the century. The scenarios enable DoD managers and planners to perform vulnerability or impact assessments within a site or across sites.