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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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Listening sessions will give public chance to discuss governor's executive order

Three [public listening sessions](#) will be held in the coming weeks to discuss Governor Brown's recent [executive order](#) to adopt permanent changes that increase long-term water conservation, improve water use efficiency in communities and agricultural production, and strengthen local and regional drought preparedness planning. The first session will be Friday, June 3, in Sacramento. It will focus on urban and agricultural directives. The June 6 session in Los Angeles will cover urban directives, while the June 7 session in Tulare will cover agricultural and rural water shortage contingency planning directives.

Emergency groundwater regulations for state's GSAs to take effect next month

The California Water Commission has [approved emergency regulations](#) for groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs). The rules will guide GSAs in the management and regulation of the state's groundwater basin, as outlined in the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#) (SGMA). The emergency regulations will take effect next month following the [Office of Administrative Law's](#) public comment period.

San Joaquin Valley groundwater briefing set for next week in Fresno

A [briefing](#) on the San Joaquin Valley groundwater conditions will be held Wednesday, June 1, in Fresno. The discussion will focus on the heavy reliance on groundwater during a drought, declining water levels, and elements of the [SGMA](#). The event is sponsored by DWR and the Water Education Foundation.



Updated website offers easier access to California water quality information

An updated version of the [My Water Quality](#) website has been launched by the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. The improved website provides enhanced navigation with drop-down menus for the portals; and each portal has banners that define the primary information being provided. The pages have been formatted to accommodate smaller screens, such as tablets and smartphones.

SWAMP to host water boards' first Water Quality Science Symposium

The California Water Boards' inaugural [Water Quality Science Symposium](#) is set for next month in Sacramento. The [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#) (SWAMP) is hosting the event that will cover many surface water topics, including the use of data science to better inform decisions.



Climate change data tools offered online by California Climate Commons

Tools to help evaluate climate change data are available on the [California Climate Commons](#) website. They provide information about the science that generated the data, and guidance for applying it to conservation efforts in California. Research can be done based on geographic location, or by other topics, including conservation planning or education.