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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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Daily blogs by CDFA secretary chronicle climate- smart agriculture tour in Israel

A California delegation took a trip to Israel this month, to learn about the country's climate smart strategies, irrigation technologies, and extensive use of recycled water. The group was headed by California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Secretary Karen Ross. She posted daily blogs during the trip. Her [first entry](#) details the [memorandum of understanding](#) between California and Israel to develop joint projects and research. Her other entries, with the headings "Climate Smart Israel," are on the [CDFA blog page](#).

Applications being accepted for \$18 million in agricultural irrigation systems grants

The CDFA is [accepting applications](#) for \$18 million in grant funding for irrigation systems that reduce greenhouse gases and save water. The funding is being provided under the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program, and is being made available to California agricultural operations. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 5.



Updated mapping tools provide latest data on disadvantaged and distressed communities

DWR has released an [updated version](#) of the [Disadvantaged Community Mapping Tool](#). It is an interactive map that provides census information to help evaluate disadvantaged community status. An [updated version](#) of the [Economically Distressed Area Mapping Tool](#) is also available. The tools reflect recent data from the American Community Survey.

Virginia Tech research team to discuss water findings in Flint, MI

The [Virginia Tech team](#) that studied the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, will discuss its findings during a [webinar](#) on July 13. Since August, the team has been taking water samples, running tests, and talking with Flint residents about their water quality.

Database provides stream and climate scenario information for California

A [stream temperature database](#) and climate scenarios for the Central Valley and other parts of California are available on the [NorWeST website](#).



The data is part of NorWeST's effort to promote better conservation planning, and research on temperature dynamics and thermal ecology. It has also a [thermal map](#) of California's rivers and streams.

Next month's Colorado roundtable will discuss water sustainability in the West

"[Water Issues in the West](#)" will be the theme of the next [Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable](#) (SWRR). Water sustainability will be a primary topic during the one-day meeting that will be on Tuesday, July 19, in Golden, Colorado. The SWRR is a subgroup of the [Federal Advisory Committee on Water Information](#).

Looking at potential water accounting ideas that might work in California

Potential ideas for improving the state's water accounting will be discussed Thursday, July 21, during a [panel discussion](#) sponsored by the [Public Policy Institute of California](#). It will include a review of best practices from other states, Australia, and Spain. The event will be at the Capitol Event Center in Sacramento.