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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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### **Symposium on extreme precipitation will look at forecasting and reservoirs**

The future directions of weather forecasting and reservoir operations will be the focus of this year's [California Extreme Precipitation Symposium](#).

The annual event provides technical and scientific knowledge about extreme precipitation. The symposium will be Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Sacramento. [Floodplain Management Association](#) members can receive a reduced registration rate through Monday, Aug. 1.



### **Water data to take center stage during summit at Stanford University**

The [California Data Collaborative](#) and Stanford University are teaming up to present a [water data summit](#). There will be panel discussions on integrating data to improve water efficiency and the future of water management in California. The summit will be Friday, Sept. 9, on the university campus.

### **New California WaterFix facts sheet posted, hearings set for later this month**

The California Natural Resources Agency has released a [new facts sheet](#) on the [California WaterFix](#) project. The sheet summarizes the benefits and cost



of the project, including the proposed water tunnels for the Delta. Later this month, the State Water Resources Control Board will begin a series of public hearings to [review the State's petition](#) to build new intakes on the Sacramento River.

### **Four lessons California water managers can take from Australia's drought**

A report from the [Public Policy Institute of California](#) says there are [four lessons](#) California can learn from the way Australia handled its decade-long drought. The list includes planning for drought, rather than just reacting to it, and giving the environment equal status with urban and agricultural uses. The report says the lessons could help California water managers reduce the drought effects on native species and ecosystems.

### **British Columbia decides it's time to find a new approach for water governance**

British Columbia is dealing with its share of water problems, and now it is looking at the potential of a shift in water governance. The province found current decision-making process weren't working, so it set out to find new and innovative ways to manage watersheds. A [new report](#) looks at the action needed to bring about a change in policy. A [report summary](#) is also available.

### **Federal group seeking public input on community resilience indicators and measures**

The [Mitigation Federal Leadership Group](#) is accepting public input on its set of [community resilience indicators and measures](#). The indicators cover a variety of issues. They can be used in evaluating how a community can improve in the areas of preparing, responding, and recovering from disasters, including climate change. Instructions for submitting comments are available [here](#).