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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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Date set for first California Water Plan Update 2018 plenary meeting

The date has been set for the first of the annual plenary meetings for [California Water Plan Update 2018](#). It will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Sacramento. As the agenda, and other meeting details, are developed, they will be posted on the [Meeting Materials](#) web page. The development of Update 2018 will include input from a policy advisory committee made up of representatives from a broad range of public and private sector interests.

2015 UMWP data available for public access on Water Use Efficiency website

Data from [2015 urban water management plans](#) (UMWPs) are now available to the public. The plans have been posted on the [Water Use Efficiency](#) data portal. The information includes UWMP documents that have been submitted to DWR. There are also tables with specific data, such as reported water use for 2015, for all suppliers.

Program puts spotlight on the impacts of long-term water conservation

The impacts of long-term water conservation will be discussed during a [one-day program](#) sponsored by the [Association of California Water Agencies](#). Panel discussions will focus on the financial planning for long-term conservation, and what local agencies are doing to prepare for future conservation requirements. The program will be Friday, Sept. 9, in Placerville.



Water quality symposium highlights posted in a series of 15 videos

Highlights from the [California Water Quality Science Symposium](#) are available in a series of [15 videos](#). The Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) hosted the event. The presentations highlighted the use of data to help make better decisions. The symposium was held on June 29, in Sacramento.



Technical reference offers methods for quantifying water storage project benefits

The California Water Commission has released a [technical reference](#) for the [Water Storage Investment Program](#). The reference describes some of the methods to quantify the benefits and impacts of water storage projects. The methods can be used by those applying for state bond funding to complete water storage projects.

Outlining the steps to identify and manage climate change refugia

Researchers supported by the [California Landscape Conservation Cooperative](#) have taken a look at climate change refugia and [compiled a report](#) on how they should be handled. Climate change refugia refers to areas relatively buffered from contemporary climate change. The study includes steps to identify and manage those resilient areas.

