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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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Ideas for long-term water use targets will be discussed at two workshops

DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board have scheduled two workshops to discuss long-term water use targets. Presenters will cover initial concepts for meeting one of the action items in the water conservation [executive order](#) signed by Governor Brown this year. The workshops will be [Tuesday, Sept. 6](#), in Oakland; and [Thursday, Sept. 8](#), in Los Angeles.

Water board posts plan for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

The State Water Resources Control Board had posted the [intended use plan](#) for the [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#). The document establishes the business plan for the fund during the 2016–2017 fiscal year. It also provides revised guidelines for Proposition 1 drinking water funds.

Draft from water efficiency and greenhouse gas grant program open for comment

Comments are being accepted for the [Agricultural Water Use Efficiency & State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program](#) draft request for proposals. The programs will fund agricultural water use efficiency improvements and greenhouse gas reductions. [Three workshops](#) will be held next month, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Fresno. Other workshops will be in Red Bluff and Cochella.

Water agency workshop will look at options for reducing energy costs

A [workshop](#) to help water agencies reduce energy cost will be held Sept. 8 and 9, in Sacramento. The [California Municipal Utilities Association](#) is gathering industry experts to discuss grid regionalization and net energy metering. The workshop will also explore how electric and water utilities can collaborate on projects to meet their individual goals.



DSC adds video blogs to discuss water-related issues in the Delta

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) has added [video blogs](#) to its website. The first entry explains how the blogs will be used to discuss the relationship between water issues and the DSC's [Delta Plan](#). Other topics to be discussed in future blogs include the [Delta Science Fellows Program](#) and improving habitat along Delta levees.

Delta series will begin with presentation by DSC executive officer

The American Water Resources Association's [Delta Series](#) will kickoff with a presentation on Thursday, Sept. 8, in Sacramento. DSC Executive Officer Jessica Pearson will provide an introduction to the Delta landscape, discuss Delta planning efforts, and explain the role of the [DSC](#).

Test for improving Delta smelt habitat yields positive results

Some initial signs of success have emerged from the test of a strategy for improving Delta smelt habitat conditions. The results, [released this morning](#), show that an attempt to improve the food supply have had a positive effect. The test was part of the [Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy](#) that was released earlier this summer.