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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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### Materials from two of Tuesday's Update 2018 meetings posted online

For those unable to attend yesterday's [plenary meeting](#) for California Water Plan Update 2018, and the [inaugural meeting](#) of the Update 2018 Policy Advisory Committee, the materials from both are available online. The list includes the [draft outline for Update 2018](#), and a [brochure](#) detailing the goals and benefits of promoting water sustainability.



### The cost of future water sources detailed in report from the CPUC

The [California Public Utilities Commission](#) (CPUC) has put together a report looking at [the cost of California's future water sources](#). It found that new water sources, such as recycling and desalination, are more costly than traditional sources, such as the State Water Project. It also looked at harvesting water from air, and other future sources.

### Meetings will focus on best management practices for groundwater basins

DWR will hold a [series of meetings](#) to discuss [best management practices](#) for the sustainable management of groundwater basins. There will also be guidance information on developing groundwater sustainability plans. The first meeting will be Nov. 14, in Willows. The other meetings will be in Sacramento, Clovis, and Santa Ana.

### Researchers to share findings on effects of sea-level rise on Pacific coast marshes

A webinar on the [effects of sea-level rise](#) on Pacific coast tidal marshes will be presented by the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative on Thursday, Nov. 3. Researchers developed ecological response models for tidal marshes in Washington, Oregon, and California. They found the areas most susceptible to rapid sea-level rise are on southern and central coasts of California.



### Climate change adaptation added to draft safety element of General Plan Guidelines

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has developed [draft language](#) to incorporate climate change adaptation into the safety element of the [General Plan Guidelines](#). The deadline for [submitting comments](#) is Friday, Nov. 4. The release of the final General Plan Guidelines is expected later this year.

### New calculator available for 2016 Water-Energy Grant Program, deadline extended

A new greenhouse gas calculator is available for use in applications for the [2016 Water-Energy Grant Program](#). The calculator can be found under the DWR section of the table on the [California Air Resources Board website](#). With the new calculator in place, the deadline for applications has been extended to Monday, Nov. 14.

### Updated agenda posted for next month's conservation districts conference

The [California Association of Resource Conservation Districts](#) has posted an [updated agenda](#) for this year's [annual conference](#). The association will meet Nov. 16-19, in Ontario. The conference will focus on partnerships between urban and rural communities.