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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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### **DWR Magazine details effort to return reliable water to East Porterville**

The fall edition of [DWR Magazine](#) has been posted on the department's website. This issue's [cover story](#) looks at the effort to return reliable tap water to the Tulare County community of East Porterville. Hundreds of wells in the area ran dry during the drought, leaving residents without reliable tap water. Other articles include approval of a restoration project in the Delta, and an update on the Calaveras Dam project in the Sunol Valley.



### **Workshop and webinar for water conservation plan set for after the New Year**

The agricultural advisory committee for implementing Governor Brown's water conservation [executive order](#), will hold a workshop and webinar on Friday, Jan. 6. The committee will discuss public comments regarding annual reporting components in the framework of the implementation plan's [public review draft](#). The meeting will be held in Sacramento, but a location won't be announced until a later date. Information for the meeting's [online option](#) is currently available.

### **\$29.8 million in funding awarded to 38 water use efficiency projects**

DWR's [Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants Program](#) has announced its list of [2015 final grant awards](#). A total of \$29.8 million will go to 38 water use efficiency projects across the state. The projects cover a variety of categories including modernization, technical assistance, and research and development.

### **Annual conference will feature new irrigation technologies and innovative projects**

The 55th annual [California Irrigation Institute Conference](#) will be Jan. 30 and 31, in Sacramento. The conference will provide a look at new technologies, present case studies of innovative projects, and give water district managers and government representatives a chance to interact. One of the featured speakers will be Chris Austin, founder of the popular water news blog, [Maven's Notebook](#). Online [registration](#), at pre-conference rates, is available.



### **San Diego conference aims unite water utilities with new technology**

Water utility leaders and technology experts will be meeting next month in San Diego to discuss ways to bring their two groups together. The free, [one-day event](#) will be Wednesday, Jan. 25. Morning panel discussions will be followed by afternoon sessions to exchange ideas and share best practices

### **Draft strategy posted as part of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update**

DWR has posted the 2016 draft [Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Conservation Strategy](#), which is a primary component of the [2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update](#). The strategy outlines a comprehensive, long-term approach to improve riverine and floodplain ecosystems, and provides guidance on how projects can provide ecological benefits while protecting public safety.