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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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Report examines the action required to sustainably balance groundwater basins

A [report from DWR](#) provides analysis of the effort it will take to bring California's groundwater basins into sustainable balance. The draft version of [Water Available for Replenishment](#) estimates the surface water available to replenish groundwater basins in each of the state's 10 hydrologic regions. The [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#) (SGMA) requires basins be brought to sustainable levels of pumping and recharge by 2040.



The 2017 California Climate Change Symposium is one week away

The 2017, multi-State agency, [California Climate Change Symposium](#) begins one week from today in Sacramento. The presentations will include some of the latest research on addressing the impacts of climate change. The two-day symposium is Jan. 25 and 26.

GSA formation to be discussed during next week's DWR webinar

During a [webinar](#) on Thursday, Jan. 26, DWR will present information on forming a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA). The three-hour program will include a demonstration of the GSA submission tool that will be available on DWR's [SGMA Portal](#).

Funding applications being accepted for agricultural water efficiency projects

DWR and the California Department of Food and Agriculture are accepting funding applications for agricultural projects that [improve water use efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions](#). Information on the application requirements will be presented at a [workshop and webinar](#) on Monday, Jan. 23, in Sacramento. The [application deadline](#) is Friday, April 21.

Discussing how water efficiency issues may play out in the new Congress

Next week, the Alliance for Water Efficiency will provide a look at how water efficiency issues may play out in the new Congress. A [webinar](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 25, will include discussion on the key players in Congress, and the new administration, who will have prominent roles in shaping federal water policy.

EPA's monthly webinar series features project benefit assessment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sponsoring [monthly webinars](#) focusing on its water research. This month's webinar will look at the [Rapid Benefit Indicators](#) approach, which assesses non-monetary benefits of ecological restoration projects. The webinar will be Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Water 101 provides new water district directors with California water lessons

A workshop designed to help newly elected water district directors, water resource staff, and local government leaders, is set for Feb. 2 and 3, in West Sacramento. [Water 101](#) is put on by the [Water Education Foundation](#) to provide a deeper understanding of California's water issues. The topics include the state's water history, climate change, and alternative water supplies.