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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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SWAP adds nine companion reports on significant state ecosystem influences

Nine [companion plans](#), including one on [water management](#), have been posted for the [California State Wildlife Action Plan](#) (SWAP). The SWAP provides a framework for sustainably managing California's ecosystems. The companion reports provide information on specific topics that have significant influence on those ecosystems.



Affordable, safe drinking water on the agenda for SWRCB workshop

The [State Water Resources Control Board](#) (SWRCB) will host a [workshop](#) next month on the Affordable, Safe Drinking Water Initiative. The workshop will discuss providing affordable and safe drinking water to low-income Californians and disadvantaged communities. Public comments will be accepted during the workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Sacramento.

New strategy provides a framework for restoring Sierra meadowlands

A plan to restore and protect 30,000 acres of meadowlands in the Sierra has been released by the Sierra Meadows Partnership. The [Sierra Meadows Strategy](#) was developed by a coalition of non-profit conservation organizations and government agencies. The strategy provides a framework to increase the rate of meadow conservation. Details are available in this [news release](#).

Abstracts being accepted for the Sierra Fund's headwater resiliency conference

Abstracts are being accepted for the [Sierra Fund's](#) upcoming conference, [Reclaiming the Sierra 2017: Headwater Resiliency](#). The conference is set for May 8 and 9, in Sacramento. It will focus on science, policy, and technology strategies to promote headwater resiliency. The deadline for [submitting abstracts](#) is Tuesday, Jan. 31.



Short course on groundwater and watershed hydrology being offered next month

An [introductory course](#) on groundwater and watershed hydrology will be offered next month in Davis. The [Groundwater Resources Association of California](#) will cover the principles of monitoring, assessing, and managing those water resources. The two-day course will be Feb. 6 and 7.

Drought-related legal developments to be discussed during March conference

[Water Planning in California's Continuing Drought](#) is the theme of an upcoming conference put on by [The Seminar Group](#). It will cover regulatory issues and other legal developments related to drought. The conference will be Wednesday, March 1, in Napa. [Group rates](#) are available.

Dallas conference designed to help create more public-private partnerships

The [Public-Private Partnership Conference & Expo](#) is set to get underway Feb. 27, in Dallas. The three-day event will give government leaders and industry development professionals a chance to discuss innovative ways to complete joint projects.