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Wednesday Update*May 24, 2017*

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.

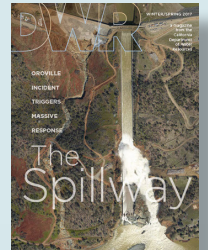
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DWR Magazine cover story provides a look at the Oroville Dam spillway incident

The new edition of [DWR Magazine](#) features an article on the spillway incident at Oroville Dam. The report provides a timeline of events from the day the problem was spotted up to the repair efforts that are underway. Other articles include some of the ideas that may improve long-range precipitation forecasting, and a look at a research vessel working in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.



Comments on proposed water loss audit regulations due June 2

[Public comments](#) are being accepted through June 2 on recent changes to DWR's [Proposed Regulations for Validated Water Loss Audit Reporting](#). Most of the changes are in response to comments received regarding the proposed regulations. The reasoning for the changes is explained in an [updated informative digest](#).

Online survey will help evaluate DWR's groundwater support services

DWR is conducting an [online survey](#) to get an idea of how its [Facilitation Support Services](#) can help public agencies meet requirements of the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#). DWR will use survey responses to evaluate the effectiveness of the support services. The survey will be available through May 31.

PPIC releases new fact sheet on California groundwater

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has issued a [fact sheet](#) that offers a summary of the state's groundwater issues. Among other issues, it provides information on groundwater overdraft and the growing problem of groundwater contamination.

EPA's monthly webinar series will look at web tools for environmental change

The next U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [webinar](#) will be Wednesday, May 31. The webinar will cover web tools that allow access to spatial data that describe potential environmental change. The EPA's [monthly webinar series](#) focuses on the agency's water research.



Water council's newsletter has update on groundwater monitoring network

The [latest newsletter](#) from the National Water Quality Monitoring Council has been posted online. It includes details on the council's [Water Quality Portal](#) that collects data from hundreds of agencies across the country. There is also an update on the implementation of the [National Ground-Water Monitoring Network](#).

A study of a California project that could lead to worldwide meadow restoration

Scientific American has published an article that asks whether [restoring California's meadows reduces atmospheric carbon dioxide](#). It details a study in the Sierra to determine if restored meadows improve carbon storage. If the research shows improvement, it could lead to increased meadow restoration worldwide.