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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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Cal OES grant program has opportunities for California wildfire mitigation projects

The [Cal OES Hazard Mitigation](#) Grant Program has funding available for projects related to last October's [wildfires in California](#). To be eligible for the funding, a notice of interest (NOI) must be submitted by Tuesday, Jan. 30. The NOI form and instructions are available on the [program's website](#).

**Cal OES**

WaterSMART program offering funding for water management and drought contingency plans

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has announced [two funding opportunities](#) through its WaterSMART program. The first would fund projects that increase water management flexibility and improve the resiliency of water resources. The other would provide up to \$200,000 for efforts to develop a drought contingency plan.

Forestry grants made available through two CAL FIRE programs

CAL FIRE has started a new round of grant program funding. The [Forest Health Grant Program](#) will accept concept proposals through Feb. 21 for projects that help reduce greenhouse gases and protect watersheds. And, the [Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) will accept proposals through Feb. 26. It works to mimic forest conditions in neighborhoods.



Comments being accepted on draft of Fourth National Climate Assessment report

The [U.S. Global Change Research Program](#) is [accepting comments](#) on the latest draft version of the Fourth National Climate Assessment report. The final version of the report is expected to be released later this year. The comment deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 31.

New date set for California Water Commission's January meeting

The [January meeting](#) of the [California Water Commission](#) has been pushed back one day. It will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18, in Sacramento. The commissioners will elect a new chair and vice chair before receiving their staff's proposed outline for the 2017 State Water Project Review.

P3 Water Summit rates discounted through this Friday

[Discount registration rates](#) for the [P3 Water Summit](#) will be available through Friday, Jan. 12. The summit will bring together representatives from the public and private sectors to discuss solving water challenges through partnerships. The summit will be April 3 and 4, in San Diego.



Three seminars on Delta ecosystem benefits to be held this month

The [Delta Stewardship Council](#) will present a series of [three brown-bag seminars](#) this month on the benefits of the Delta's ecosystem. They are scheduled for [Jan. 17](#), [Jan. 22](#), and [Jan. 31](#). They will be held in Sacramento, and all will be available as a webcast.