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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.

Governor OKs \$842 million to address drought, water supply reliability

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday signed an \$842 million appropriation (SBx2.1) that will help water agencies address the current drought and help invest in water supply reliability. He also signed four other water bills: AB 2882, water conservation; AB 3030, water rates; AB 2356 wastewater grants to low-income communities; and SB 27, Delta emergency response. [Read more.](#)



Ag water use efficiency workshop tomorrow in Sacramento

A California Water Plan public workshop on agricultural water use efficiency will be held tomorrow, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Center for Collaborative Policy in Sacramento, 815 S St. The purpose of the workshop is to increase clarity in discussing agricultural water use efficiency (WUE), revise Ag WUE actions for the Water Plan Update 2009 Objectives, and update the Ag WUE regional management strategy. Conference telephone and online Webinar options are available. [Details and meeting materials are posted here.](#)

Panel to discuss water, food during SF presentation next week

Experts will discuss "The Water Connection: State policies and the impact on local food systems" during a panel discussion at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. The panel will discuss water systems, challenges for agriculture with our growing population, and increasing water use efficiency in food production. [Find details here.](#)

Comments accepted on latest Water Plan draft through Friday

The comment period for the Water Plan's pre-administrative draft ends Friday. This draft represents the first release of Volume 1, the Strategic Plan. Also posted are pre-administrative drafts for Volume 2, Resource Management Strategies, and Volume 3, Regional Reports. [Find quick links to these volumes here.](#) And you can [find all comments on Water Plan drafts here.](#)

'Headwaters to Ocean (H2O)' conference set for Oct. 28-30 in Long Beach

The 7th Annual "Headwaters to Ocean (H2O)" Conference will be held Oct. 28-30 at the Westin Long Beach. The conference will cover many coast and ocean issues, including water quality, beach restoration, wetland restoration, watershed management, desalination, coastal policy and legislation, and marine debris. [Read more.](#)

South Coast stakeholders of Marine Life Protection will meet next week

The California Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group will meet Oct. 6 and 7 in El Segundo. [An agenda of the meeting can be found here.](#) The group is scheduled to discuss its goals and objectives. [A simultaneous Webcast of the meetings is available here.](#)

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