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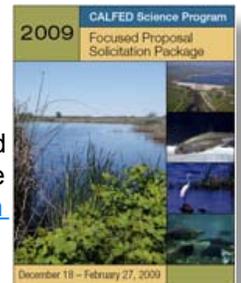
This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

DWR releases draft guidelines for IRWM areas

DWR has released a draft of guidelines for its Region Acceptance Process (RAP), which allows areas to be designated Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) areas. The guidelines will be used to evaluate and accept an IRWM region into the IRWM grant program. It is not a grant funding application; however, acceptance and approval of the IRWM region into the IRWM grant program will be required before any region can submit an application for IRWM grant funds. [You can find the draft RAP rules here.](#)

CALFED seeks proposals for 2009 Bay-Delta research

The CALFED Science Program is seeking research proposals to support the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. In 2009, CALFED plans to provide \$8 million for research in four areas: fish biology, food webs, hydrologic and ecosystem models, and water and ecosystem management. Proposals are due Feb. 27. [You can find the research solicitation package here.](#) The CALFED Science Program considers scientific research to be important in achieving its goal of establishing unbiased and authoritative knowledge directly relevant to CALFED actions.



Water agencies adopt sustainability principles

The Association of California Water Agencies Board of Directors has adopted policy principles embracing environmental and economic sustainability as equal priorities for water management in California. The principles express strong support for policies that promote significant improvements in both water supply reliability and ecosystem health. The principles are intended to expand on ACWA's 2005 water policy document, *No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water.* [Read more.](#)

Japanese visitors to DWR share water management knowledge

Kamyar Guivetchi, manager of DWR's Division of Planning and Local Assistance, briefed visiting Japanese water managers of the [Japanese Water Agency](#) earlier this month. "They are implementing principles of integrated water resources management, which is the theme of Update 2009," said Guivetchi. They held a seminar in November on this topic, and [a summary is posted here.](#)



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