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Wednesday's Update



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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.

Hold the date for the next and last 2009 Update AC meeting

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Double Tree hotel in Sacramento. This will be the final AC meeting of the 2009 Water Plan Update. Details of the meeting will be posted soon on the [Water Plan Website](#).

DWR to conduct workshops on groundwater, IRWM funding

DWR will conduct two workshops to discuss recently released draft guidelines for the next round of local groundwater assistance grant and Prop 50 Supplemental IRWM funding. The first, which will also be webcast, will be held in Sacramento on Jan. 5, and the second will be held in Irvine on Jan. 7. [You can find details here](#).

Water Quality Council launches fish, shellfish safety site

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council has unveiled the second My Water Quality internet portal to connect decision makers and the public with water quality information. The theme of this new portal is "[Is it Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish from Our Waters?](#)" The portal includes interactive maps and monitoring data that focus on chemical contaminants and biotoxins in fish and shellfish that may affect the health of human consumers. The first portal is "Is it Safe to Swim in Our Waters?"



Satellites find Valley, Sierra losing vast amounts of water

California's Central Valley and Sierra have lost a lot of water over the past six years, according to twin gravity-detecting satellites or GRACE. UC Irvine engineering professor James Famiglietti said drought and excessive pumping of groundwater have combined to cause the water loss. [You can find more on GRACE at this website](#).

Water modeling forum plans annual meeting in February

The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum will hold its 16th Annual Meeting from Monday, Feb. 22 through Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. The theme of the 2010 Annual Meeting is "Modeling in the Eye of the Storm" and the program includes more than 20 technical sessions, including one on California Water Plan Update 2009, and Ellen Hanak of the Public Policy Institute of California in her keynote will discuss the economics of Delta facilities. [You can find more information here](#).

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Upcoming Meetings

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