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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.

Streaming video of Tribal Water Summit now online

Streaming video from the California Tribal Water Summit, held in last November, is now available online in two parts: [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#). The videos include the remarks, presentations, and discussions from the Summit, which was attended by leaders and representatives from 66 California Native American tribes, 15 tribal organizations, 13 State agencies, and eight federal agencies. Topics included rivers, dams, and fish; watersheds; tribal water rights; and the overarching theme of "Water as Sacred." Each video segment is around six hours long; double-click the video box to start playing, and single-click the video box to pause.

Legislative Analysts Office publishes primer on state's groundwater

The Legislative Analysts Office has published a primer on California's groundwater. The state's water system is facing a series of challenges affecting water availability, reliability, and delivery. Groundwater management is one of the state's most critical liquid assets—a key component of both local and statewide efforts to better manage water supply and water quality in the state. This report builds upon LAO's previous 2008 publication, California's Water: An LAO Primer, in which LAO provided an overview of California's water system and related legislative policy considerations, including issues related to groundwater. [You can find the report here.](#)

Caltrans posts new "Smart Mobility" document on its website

The California Department of Transportation has approved for release "Smart Mobility 2010: A Call to Action for the New Decade." Should you need a hard copy, they will likely be available in a couple of weeks. [The final document is now posted on the Caltrans Internet site.](#)

First meeting of Delta Stewardship Council set for tomorrow

All seven members of the Delta Stewardship Council have been named. The council, created as part of a water policy package OK'd by the Legislature last year, is charged with creating and implementing a plan for the management of the Delta. It must address water supply and conservation of the Delta's ecosystem. The governor named three and legislative members picked three. Delta Protection Commission Chairman Don Nottoli by law is the council's chair. The first meeting of the council is scheduled for April 1 in Sacramento. [You can find the list and bios of the new members and details of the meeting here.](#)

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