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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.

Climate change and companion plans on agenda for Water Plan graphics meeting

The next meeting to discuss graphics for [California Water Plan Update 2013](#) will be Thursday, Oct. 18, in Sacramento. It will cover the graphics for the Water Plan's climate change section and companion plans. Details are available [here](#). The November meeting to discuss the graphics for the Water Plan Highlights is being rescheduled to early 2013.

Orange County set to host drought response workshop next month

DWR and the [National Water Research Institute](#) will be sponsoring a [drought response workshop](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 6, in Fountain Valley. Hosted by the Orange County Water District, the workshop will provide updates on drought planning, response and mitigation measures. The presentations include a look at the implementation of drought-related messaging.

National Water Research Institute



Strategic Growth Council makes two appointments to top leadership posts

Two appointments have been made to the leadership of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). Mike McCoy has been named executive officer, and Allison Joe is the new deputy director. McCoy was recently the director of the [Urban Land Use and Transportation Research Center](#) at UC Davis. Joe joins the SGC after being a senior planner at the Governor's [Office of Planning and Research](#). Details are available in this [news release](#).

California included in a study on restoring degraded meadows

California Water Plan Update 2013 will include forest meadow restoration as part of a resource management strategy. The journal [Environmental Evidence](#) has published a study looking at efforts to [restore wet meadows](#) in California and five other states. Many of the meadows have been lost to overgrazing, development and natural disturbances.

Federal agencies to use collaboration and improved permitting for water projects

The Office of Management and Budget and the President's Council on Environmental Quality have [issued a memo](#) outlining the use of conflict resolution practices for water and other environmental issues. The memo directs federal agencies to use third-party facilitation to settle conflicts. The policy supports an [executive order](#) to improve the federal permitting process for infrastructure projects.

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