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**Wednesday Update****Dec. 11, 2013**

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.

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### **Sacramento River forum materials being made available online**

Those who missed today's Sacramento River Regional Forum for *California Water Plan Update 2013* can still review the materials from the meeting. The [agenda](#) and other items have been posted on the Water Plan's [meeting materials page](#). The forum included an overview of the Sacramento River Regional Report from the Water Plan's public review draft.

### **Public review draft comments posted, under review by experts**

Comments received on the [public review draft](#) of the Water Plan have been posted [here](#). The comment periods for the first three volumes of the Water Plan have closed. Subject matter experts are reviewing the comments and considering their incorporation into the final Water Plan. The final report will be published early next year.

### **Draft plan on preparing for climate change released by Brown administration**

The Brown administration has released a draft plan outlining the steps California needs to take to prepare for the effects of a changing climate. The draft [Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk](#) highlights climate risks in nine sectors, including water, and makes specific recommendations. Details are available in this news release and the [Safeguarding California](#) home page.



### **Community shows water conservation doesn't always lead to big rate increases**

A water conservation success story is detailed in a new article from the Alliance for Water Efficiency. It looks at the common notion that conservation leads to higher rates to maintain revenue levels. The article details a case of a Colorado community that reduced per capita water use during the last 30 years without the large rate increases some had expected. A link to the article is available [here](#).

### **Comment period opening this week for BDCP and related documents**

[Public comments](#) on the [draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan](#) (BDCP) will be accepted beginning Friday, Dec. 13.



There will be a 120-day comment period for the plan and for its draft [environmental impact report/environmental impact statement](#). The BDCP is a strategy for protecting fish and wildlife, while securing the state's water supply. A series of [12 public meetings](#) will be held throughout California in January and February to provide more information on the draft documents.

### **Registration opens for workshops on the next phase of CASGEM**

Registration is [now available](#) for a series of workshops to discuss the next phase of implementation for the [California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring](#) (CASGEM) Program. The first workshop will be Tuesday, Jan. 7 in Redding. Others will be held in Fresno, Sacramento, Riverside and Los Angeles.