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**Wednesday Update****Jan. 15, 2014**

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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### **New memo calls for water use reduction at state facilities**

California's Department of General Services has [issued a memo](#) calling for state facilities to reduce water use 20 percent by 2020. The reduction is based on water usage in 2010. DWR's Water Use Efficiency Branch has issued a [set of guidelines](#) to help building managers achieve and monitor the reduction goals.

### **Deadline for desalination grant applications extended to end of January**

DWR has [extended the deadline](#) to submit grant proposals for the 2014 desalination grant funding. The [proposal solicitation package](#) (PSP) is now due Friday, Jan. 31. The types of projects eligible for grant funding are described in the PSP and cover desalination of both brackish water and sea water for potable purposes.

### **Looking at potential ways for getting water investments to pay off**

Discussion on how investment can help California meet its water challenges will be part of a seminar to be held Friday, Feb. 21, in Century City. The annual [Investing in California's Water](#) seminar will offer information on the opportunities and pitfalls of water investments. One of the presentations will look at the complexities of securing a reliable water supply.



### **Public comments being accepted on addendum to IRWM guidelines**

An [addendum](#) has been released as part of the 2012 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Guidelines. The addendum outlines a plan review process which DWR will use to review IRWM plans for consistency with program guidelines. More details, including instructions on submitting public comments, are available [here](#).

### **Study of oil and gas technology will include look at hydraulic fracturing**

The [California Council on Science and Technology](#) has been asked to conduct



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a scientific review of oil and gas development technologies, including hydraulic fracturing, in California. The scope of the study will be discussed during a [webinar](#) tomorrow, Jan. 16. Those joining the webinar will be allowed to ask questions about the study.

### **Two chances for public to learn more about the state's plan for facing climate risks**

[Two public meetings](#) will be held this month to discuss the Natural Resources Agency's [draft Safeguarding California Plan](#). This is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the plan and provide their ideas on how the state can best prepare for climate risks. The draft plan updates the 2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy. The meetings will be Wednesday, Jan. 22, in Sacramento, and Monday, Jan. 27, in San Francisco.