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Governor's water action plan sets goals and vision for the next five years

The Brown administration's final [water action plan](#) was released this week by the California Natural Resources Agency, Cal-EPA and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The five-year plan covers budget proposals and implementation efforts designed to enhance water supply reliability and improve the resilience of the state's infrastructure. Details are available in this [news release](#).

NIDIS offering forum to examine drought outlook in California

Information on a variety of drought topics will be featured at the [California Drought Outlook Forum](#), Thursday, Feb. 20, in Sacramento. There will be details on the extent of drought conditions, plus ideas on improving drought readiness. The forum is co-sponsored by the [National Integrated Drought Information System](#) (NIDIS) and its California partners.



The future of water in California to be discussed at a Sacramento conference

Also on Feb. 20, Capitol Weekly and UC Center will host [A Conference on Water](#), in Sacramento. It will look at the future of water in the state and include panel discussions on fiscal impacts, the Delta, and the north-south water debate in California. The chair of the Delta Stewardship Council, Phil Isenberg, will deliver the keynote address.

IRWM looking for public input on revising grant solicitation guidelines

[Three workshops](#) will be held next month to get input on improving the grant solicitation process for DWR's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program. The first workshop will be Tuesday, Feb. 18, in Redding. Other workshops will be in Sacramento and Irvine. The public input will be considered during drafting revised IRWM guidelines which will cover the upcoming round 3 of IRWM Implementation Grant solicitation.

Ag network finds common ground for aligning interests of various groups

In an effort to address increasing challenges with the regulatory system, the [Ag Innovations Network](#) (AIN) held listening sessions with agricultural, conservation, and government representatives. It was an opportunity to build a better understanding among the groups. As a result, AIN has issued a report, [Regulating for Agricultural and Public Outcomes](#), that identifies areas of agreement, and offers recommendations for key challenges.



Tribal leaders and USGS team up to work on water quality and availability issues

Cooperation between the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and tribal leaders across the country is generating progress on water issues. Their work concentrates on addressing water availability and quality issues on tribal lands. The effort includes a series of government monitoring stations that provide tribes with critical water data. Details are available in [this article](#) posted by the USGS.