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*Wednesday Update**Sept. 17, 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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### **Advisory committee plans first webinar for 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook**

The advisory committee for the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook will hold its first [webinar meeting](#) on Monday, Oct. 6. The committee will discuss some of the elements of the guidebook, including layout and draft chapters. Meeting materials will be posted by Monday, Sept. 29.

### **A big year for groundwater sets the stage for the annual GRAC conference**

With the theme, "2014 – The Year of Groundwater," the Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRAC) will hold its [annual conference](#) next month in Sacramento. The [sessions](#) will cover current efforts, legislation, and perspectives surrounding groundwater issues. The two-day conference will run Oct. 15 and 16.



### **EIR in the works for the SWP Water Supply Contract Extension Project**

DWR has released a [notice of preparation](#) for an environmental impact report (EIR) on the [Water Supply Contract Extension Project](#). The project includes amending certain provisions in the State Water Project (SWP) water supply contracts. The notice has details for two scoping meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Sacramento. The meetings will include a presentation on the project and time for public comments on the scope of the EIR.

### **Desalination conference to be held next month in Monterey**

[CalDesal](#) will hold its annual [desalination conference](#) on Oct. 6 and 7, in Monterey. The sessions include a presentation on emerging technology and a look at the obstacles to implementing desalination projects. The agenda is available [here](#).



### **What California can learn from work being done on the Mekong River**

Lessons that California water managers can learn from the Mekong River in Southeast Asia [will be presented](#) Friday, Sept. 26, in Sacramento. Greg Thomas of the National Heritage Institute will discuss efforts to harness the hydropower of the Mekong River while minimizing adverse environmental impacts. A [webcast](#) of the presentation and discussion will be available.

### **Presentations and posters sought for The Wildlife Society's annual meeting**

[The Western Section of The Wildlife Society](#) is asking for submissions of potential posters and presentations for its [annual meeting](#). The list of topics includes advancing wildlife conservation through integration and alignment in planning, designing and implementing climate adaptation strategies, and the effects of drought and water management on wildlife. The submission deadline is Monday, Oct. 20. The meeting will be Jan. 26-30, in Santa Rosa.