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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.

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All IRWM stakeholders invited to next month's DWR workshop

All integrated regional water management (IRWM) stakeholders are invited to attend a [DWR workshop](#) on Thursday, Nov. 6. Five workshops will be held simultaneously in Redding, Stockton, Placerville, Clovis, and Los Angeles. DWR will be providing tools and resources to help stakeholders get the most benefit from the IRWM process. There will be a particular focus on the needs of tribes, disadvantaged communities, and local agencies.

Secretary Laird urges participation for action on integrated regional planning

California Secretary for Natural Resources, John Laird, has sent a [letter to California Biodiversity Council members](#) urging them to attend the [next meeting](#)



California Biodiversity Council

where agency alignment will be discussed. The council's executive committee will recommend partnering with the Strategic Growth Council to advance [integrated regional planning](#) in California. The meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 29, in Davis.

Pentagon provides roadmap for plan to deal with climate change

The U.S. Defense Department has released its plan for dealing with climate change. The [2014 Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap](#) addresses several potential problems including coastal military installations that may be vulnerable to flooding. Details are available [here](#).



Annual report calls for California to adopt wide-ranging water strategy

A section on managing state's water is part of the [annual report](#) from the [California Council on Science and Technology](#). It calls for a water strategy that uses a range of technologies, policies, and approaches. The report also has sections on hydraulic fracturing conducted by gas and oil companies, and digitally enhanced education in California classrooms.

Webinars will offer guidance on general plan flood risk amendments

DWR will host two webinars to provide information on the new [Guidance on General Plan Amendments for Addressing Flood Risk](#). The guidance document was developed to help cities and counties update their general plans to address flood risk. The webinars will be Wednesday, Oct. 28, and Wednesday, Nov. 5. Details are available on DWR's [Local Flood Risk Planning and Guidance](#) page.

Plugging leaks and reducing loss is the focus of a water utility workshop

A [workshop](#) on reducing utility system water loss will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, in Los Angeles. The agenda will focus on a [Water Research Foundation project](#) that can help managers reduce water utility system leakage. The workshop is being run by the California Urban Water Conservation Council.

