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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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Natural Resources Agency establishes Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group

California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird announced the appointment of 14 leaders in state climate science and infrastructure design to the [Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group](#). Established by [AB 2800](#) (Quirk, Statutes of 2015–16), the working group will unite experts from multiple scientific and state infrastructure disciplines to bolster the inclusion of climate impacts in state design processes.

Making the case for a new method of classifying California's streams

A recent entry on the [California WaterBlog](#) discusses the idea of creating a simplified method to classify the state's streams. It looks at nine natural stream classes including snowmelt and groundwater. The intent is for the classifications to be combined with other information to create environmental flow targets.

Video answers one of the most common questions posed by water users

It's a common question among water users, "If I'm using less water, why do my rates increase?" The Alliance for Water Efficiency has put together a [video](#) explaining why bills keep getting bigger. It also makes the case for conservation being the best way to keep water costs down.

Study looks at using remote-control systems to reduce peak water use

A [report](#) from the [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) looks at the viability of water agencies remotely controlling residential irrigation systems to reduce peak summer water demands. The report has the results of a test done last summer in New Jersey. While the tests did produce water savings, the report suggests more research is needed.



Summit agenda looks to focus on developing a guide for future use of water data

The [Second Annual Water Data Summit](#) will focus on how big water-data integration is supporting water managers in California. Hosted by the California Data Collaborative, the two-day event will be held at Stanford University on Aug. 24 and 25. One of the goals of the summit is to develop a guide for future water-data work.

Santa Ana watershed authority looking for groups interested in internship program

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority is [accepting applications](#) from agencies and organizations interested in the Community Water Internship Program. The internships are for students attending a California State University or community college. The interns will assist with water education projects in disadvantaged communities in the Santa Ana River Watershed.

Forest Service website offers information on recreation, educational resources

The U.S. Forest Service has launched a new website for its [groundwater program](#). It includes a section with information on groundwater recreation sites. There is also information on [groundwater educational resources](#) provided by the Forest Service.

