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*Wednesday Update*



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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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## **Flood-MAR posts new blogs, comments being accepted on development framework**

The [latest blog](#) about Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge (Flood-MAR) has been posted to DWR's website. The new entry provides an overview of the Flood-MAR strategy, which uses flood water to recharge groundwater supplies. [Another blog](#) was posted about the Flood-MAR draft [Research and Data Development Framework](#). The comment period for the draft runs through Sept. 20. Instructions for submitting comments are available on the first page of the draft.



## **Groundwater storage webinar will include look at California policies**

The geoscience of managing groundwater storage and recharge will be discussed during an American Geosciences Institute [webinar](#) on Wednesday, July 18. The agenda will include a look at California's groundwater policies. The one-hour program will also review case studies and potential groundwater developments.

## **Tribal funding opportunities to be discussed during Prop. 1 update next week**

DWR, and a group of State agencies will host a meeting next week to update tribal governments [on funding opportunities](#) under the Proposition 1 water bond. The meeting will be Wednesday, July 18, in Sacramento. A [webinar option](#) will be available.

## **Policy change opens possibilities for debt financing water conservation projects**

A [change in policy](#) from the [Government Accounting Standards Board](#) has opened up the ability for utilities to debt finance water conservation and green infrastructure projects. This development should help reduce the costs that have accompanied these projects, which are often financed with utility operating funds.

## **Looking for ways to add natural capital to national economic reports**

A [webinar](#) focusing on nature's inputs to the economy will be held Thursday, Sept. 6. Natural capital, such as forests, wildlife, and water are not included in most economic reports. The webinar will review some of the latest water data, and discuss ways for building a more complete view of water's role in the U.S. economy.

## **Presentation will provide overview of agency's transition to a resource recovery agency**

The Orange County Sanitation District is making a transition from being a wastewater treatment plant to a resource recovery agency. An [overview of the move](#) will be presented at an Orange County Water Agency event on Wednesday, July 18, in Irvine. It will include details on a sewer construction project designed to gain 9 million gallons of new water.

## **Space station conference to include water sustainability workshop**

This month's [International Space Station \(ISS\) Research and Development Conference](#) will include a workshop on water sustainability. It will focus on ways the ISS can raise awareness, and develop potential solutions, for water issues. The conference runs July 23-26, in San Francisco. The workshop is on July 23.