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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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## **Draft guidelines and PSP released for IRWM grant implementation program**

The [draft proposal solicitation package](#) (PSP) and [guidelines](#) have been released for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) [Implementation Grant Program](#). DWR is proposing approximately \$194 million in funding be made available for IRWM implementation projects. [Public comments](#) on the draft PSP and guidelines will be accepted through Tuesday, Nov. 20.

## **Specialty crop grants available from CDFA, proposals being accepted through Nov. 2**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is conducting its annual [process to award grants](#) to projects that enhance the competitiveness of the state's specialty crops. The grants range from \$50,000 to \$450,000. The deadline for submitting [proposals](#) is Friday, Nov. 2. A series of [webinars and workshops](#) on the process will run through next week.



## **Meadow restoration project shows promise for increasing water flows in the Sierra**

A [research project in the Sierra](#) has tested a process that may increase mountain streamflow, even in drought conditions. The work involved meadow restoration in Alpine County's Indian Valley. The meadow floodplain was reconnected by filling an incised channel. The result was increased summer baseflow, even in 2015, during California's latest drought.

## **Tribal perspectives on fire management to be part of one-hour webinar**

The next California Landscape Conservation Cooperative Tribal Team [webinar](#) will be Monday, Oct. 15. It will focus on tribal perspectives on fire management. The one-hour presentation will include climate factors and land management lessons that have been learned.

## **Water commission will receive Oroville spillway briefing during next meeting**

A briefing on the progress of rebuilding the [spillways at Lake Oroville](#) is on the [agenda](#) of the next California Water Commission meeting. Work at the spillways has been underway since early 2017 when they were damaged by heavy outflows during a series of storms. The commission meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the California Energy Commission building in Sacramento.



## **Affordable water on water association's agenda for annual conference**

The California Water Association's annual conference is coming up at the end of the month. It will be Oct. 29-31, in Monterey. This year's conference will look at the question, "[Safe, Reliable Water: What Can We Afford?](#)" Discounted hotel rates are available through Oct. 17.

## **Annual conference for resource conservation districts to be held in San Diego**

Next month, the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts will meet in San Diego for its [annual conference](#). The theme of "Celebrating Resilient Landscapes and Adaptive Communities" will be explored during the four-day event, Nov. 14-17. The [agenda](#) includes, panel discussions, [breakout sessions](#), and poolside chats.