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Wednesday Update**Nov. 7, 2018**

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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Irvine workshop will look at the latest weather forecasting science

With El Nino lurking in the Pacific Ocean, is there a way it can be used to predict the type rainy season California can expect in the coming months? The forecasting of precipitation will be discussed during a [workshop](#) in Irvine on Wednesday, Dec. 5. It will cover the latest advancements in forecasting weather a couple of weeks, or months, in advance.

Water commission to get updates on water use efficiency, State Water Project

A briefing on the state's latest water use efficiency legislation is on the [agenda](#) for the next [California Water Commission](#) meeting. Commissioners will also get an overview of plans to address the aging State Water Project. The meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Sacramento.

New article explores planned study on Native American Colorado river water rights

An [article](#) from Western Water takes an in-depth look at an upcoming study on Native American rights to water in the Colorado River. [The study](#) will be done by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the [Ten Tribes Partnership](#), a group of tribes from across the Colorado River Basin. The result should shed light on tribal water use and development.



Fish and wildlife accepting applications for ecosystem restoration grants

Ecosystem restoration and protection projects are eligible for new [funding opportunities](#) through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. A total of approximately \$53 million is available through the [Proposition 1](#) and Proposition 68 grant programs. The [application deadline](#) is Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Funding for OTC mitigation projects being offered by the Ocean Protection Council

The Ocean Protection Council is looking to [fund projects](#) that mitigate the effects of once-through cooling (OTC) technology used by power plants. OTC technology can degrade marine habitats near the power plants. There is \$3.4 million available for this round of funding. Pre-proposals must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 30. An application [webinar](#) will be held tomorrow, Nov. 8.



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Improved communication is the goal of next week's geoscience webinar

To help improve awareness of geoscience issues, the [American Geoscience Institute](#) is offering a [webinar](#) on improving communication with the media and public. The one-hour session will cover different techniques and principles for promoting collaboration between geoscientists and other groups. The webinar will be Wednesday, Nov. 14.