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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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Registration is open for next month's webinar on Update 2018 draft

[Registration](#) is open for the Jan. 8 webinar on the [California Water Plan Update 2018](#) public review draft. The two-hour webinar will provide a review of the draft and will include an opportunity for the public to ask questions or present comments. The [comment period](#) on the draft of Update 2018 runs through Jan. 21.



Flood-MAR concerns to be discussed during next month's listening session

Potential barriers to implementing [flood-managed aquifer recharge](#) (Flood-MAR) projects will be discussed during a [listening session](#) on Monday, Jan. 14, in Merced. Farmers and landowners will have the chance to bring up their concerns about implementing Flood-MAR projects. Flood-MAR is a resource management strategy that uses floodwater on agricultural lands to recharge groundwater supplies.

New program offers State funding for maintenance of flood control facilities

A new program is offering funding for flood control facilities. The [Flood Maintenance Assistance Program](#) (FMAP) provides funding for local maintaining agencies and maintenance areas. The FMAP's [program guidelines](#) and [proposal solicitation package](#) provide details on the submission process and projects eligible for funding.

\$37 million in grants available for cultural, community, and natural resource projects

[Concept proposals](#) are being accepted for approximately \$37 million in funding that is available through the California Natural Resources Agency's Cultural, Community, and Natural Resources Grant Program. The most competitive proposals will be chosen for the next level of the selection process. [Five technical assistance](#) workshops will be held throughout the state next month.

Delta Science Council's Adaptive Management Forum set for February in Davis

Save the dates for the Delta Science Program's [Adaptive Management Forum](#). It will be Feb. 5 and 6, in Davis. [The forum](#) will include sessions that focus on the Delta's ecosystem restoration and adaptive management support. Registration is expected to open early next month.

Webinar will look at present and future indoor household water efficiency

A look at what the future holds for indoor household water efficiency will be part of a [webinar](#) presented by the [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 9. The presentation will also look at recent advances to make indoor residential appliances more efficient.

California, Washington, and British Columbia team up to improve forest health

California is joining Washington and British Columbia to [work jointly on improving forest health](#). The agreement is detailed in a [memorandum of understanding](#) (MOU) that lists seven principles, including work on exploring how forests are responding to climate change. A summit is expected to be convened next year to develop implementation plans for each area of the MOU.