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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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DWR calls for increased collaboration to address climate change issues

DWR is calling for [increased collaboration among government agencies](#) to address climate change. In the just released, “[Moving to Action](#),” DWR says partnerships, planning, and collaboration are essential at all levels of government, including formation of a California-based network of climate scientists and water management practitioners to adapt to climate vulnerabilities and risk.

LSN releases report on cutting green tape for environmental projects

The California Landscape Stewardship Network (LSN) has released its report, [Cutting Green Tape: Regulatory Efficiencies for a Resilient Environment](#). It is part of an effort to find ways to help deliver needed environmental restoration and stewardship projects across the state. The report offers 14 recommendations to help achieve those goals.



How conservation efforts can help establish groundwater sustainability in the valley

An article on the role of conservation in [establishing groundwater sustainability in the San Joaquin Valley](#) has been published by a conservation organization. The [Tule Basin Land and Water Conservation Trust](#) explored options for restoring habitats on farmland that is repurposed as part of [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#) implementation. The article describes potential benefits for farmers and valley communities.

Amendments to groundwater grant program available for public comment

Proposed amendments to the [Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program](#) have been released by the State Water Resources Control Board. The proposals are intended to clarify eligibility requirements for drinking water treatment and wastewater projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. The deadline for [submitting public comments](#) is Monday, Jan. 4.



Registration opens for forest stewardship workshop that begins in February

Registration is open for the next series of [forest stewardship workshops](#). Organized by the UC Cooperative Extension, the workshops will help landowners develop plans to improve and protect their forest lands in a sustainable manner. The next series begins Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Water data consortium announces co-chairs for two working groups

The California Water Data Consortium has announced the [co-chairs for its two working groups](#). The Data Users



California Water Data Consortium

Working Group will be headed by Mahesh Gautam of DWR and Sadie Gill from FlowWest. The Technical Working Group will be headed by Rafael Maestu of the State Water Resources Control Board and Rich Pauloo from Larry Walker Associates. The groups will help identify opportunities to support data-informed water management in California.