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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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CDFW offering two webinars to help cut the green tape

In the coming week, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will host two webinars related to its Cutting the Green Tape Initiative to support ecosystem restoration. On [Friday, Feb. 26](#), CDFW will provide an overview on the development of a planned grant solicitation focused on the [North Coast Salmon Project](#). On [Tuesday, March 2](#), CDFW permitting specialists will provide an overview of restoration permitting options and case studies.

\$8 million approved for projects to improve California's coastal resilience

The California Ocean Protection Council has approved [\\$8 million in funding](#) for projects that will improve the state's coastal resilience in the face of sea-level rise. The funding will be divided among [15 projects](#) that cover a variety of areas including preserving biodiversity and cultural resources. The projects cover priorities outlined in the [Strategic Plan to Protect California's Coast and Ocean 2020–2025](#).



Water availability and sustainability featured on U.S. Geologic Survey website

A website provided by the U.S. Geologic Survey offers a variety of information on [water availability and sustainability](#). The site maintains links to articles and provides a gateway to webpages covering related issues including arid lands water harvesting and water from coastal fog.

New biodiversity report looks at failure to sustainably connect with nature

A new report out of the United Kingdom is being called a landmark study in the economics of biodiversity. Known as [The Dasgupta Review](#), the report examines the relationship between people and nature. It says the human race has failed to maintain a sustainable relationship with nature, creating a dangerous imbalance between human demands and nature's ability to meet them.

Webinar series on nature-based watershed solutions begins next week

A three-part [webinar series](#) on the [benefits of nature-based solutions for watersheds](#) will begin Thursday, March 4. It will cover identifying and accounting for the benefits accrued. The series is part of an effort being undertaken by the United Nations Global Compact CEO Water Mandate and others.

Internet of Water website gets new look and new features

The Internet of Water (IoW) has made some changes to its online presence. A new look has been given to the [IoW website](#). It includes an updated [Learning Center](#) that has a tool to help organization assess the progress of their data modernization efforts. There is also a new monthly blog called [Water Features](#).

Water data consortium interview series begins with the board chair

In the first of a series of interviews, the California Water Data Consortium had published [a conversation with board chair Mike Myatt](#). He discusses the consortium's role in promoting open water data in California. Myatt also covers his hopes for the consortium as it enters into its second year of existence.