

## September 2020 DWR Updates Grants

### NEW California Grants Portal

The California State Library, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources and other state grantmaking agencies, has launched the California Grants Portal – your one destination to find all state grant and loan opportunities provided on a first-come or competitive basis. Visit [grants.ca.gov](https://grants.ca.gov) to find funding opportunities for you and your community.

### NEW DWR: Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grants for Critically Overdrafted Basins

Public comment is open for the draft Proposal Solicitation Package for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program. The public comment period will close at 5 p.m. on September 18, 2020. During the first round of funding, \$26 million will be available for critically overdrafted basins for projects that will assist with the implementation of groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs). A second round of funding will be available beginning in 2022 and will have approximately \$62 million available for projects for high- and medium-priority basins. Public Webinar will be held September 3, 2020 10 a.m. to Noon. The meeting will be recorded for later viewing. [Register here](#). Comments can be emailed to Kelley List at [SGWP@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGWP@water.ca.gov).

### CA Department of Conservation: Watershed Coordinator Grant

The CA Department of Conservation has a 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. **Application period extended due to statewide wildfire emergency, now closes October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Workshops will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and August 11 at 1:00 pm. To register for the workshops email [wcp@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:wcp@conservation.ca.gov) or call (916) 324-0850.

More information can be found here: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/watershed>

### FEMA: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities & Flood Mitigation Assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released information about funding available from 2 programs: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities; and Flood Mitigation Assistance. On Tuesday 9/1/20 FEMA will host a webinar on avoiding application pitfalls. Applicants must submit a notice of interest by Friday 9/18/20. Application period open September 30<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>. **A reminder that federal grants can count towards the cost share requirements of State grants.** More information can be found here: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/pre-disaster-flood-mitigation>

Other state & federal grant websites for resources that may be helpful are:

- California Financing Coordinating Committee -- <https://cfcc.ca.gov/>, and
- CalOES grants -- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/grants-management>
- US EPA -- <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>, and
- Economic Development Administration -- <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>
- The rollout webinars of FEMA's new grant, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (risk reduction), started in July 2020 and can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/bric>

### Upcoming conferences, webinars and new reports

#### Free Webinar on Successful IRWM and GSA Collaboration

Maven's Notebook is hosting a free webinar on successful collaboration between groundwater sustainability agencies implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and DWR's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning efforts. The event will be September 23 from noon – 1:30. Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yxBq1uZfR8uQhXVGUxdrww](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yxBq1uZfR8uQhXVGUxdrww)

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### 2020 DACTI Lessons Learned Summit

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) is hosting the 2020 Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement (DACTI) Lessons Learned Summit from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 8, 13 and 14. This virtual Summit is intended for IRWM practitioners, Community members, Tribal representatives, and State agencies. Registration now open: <https://fs27.formsite.com/6Dqgcx/maaxa6pdo2/index.html>. More information can be found here: <https://www.lgc.org/summit/>.

### California Water Plan 2016 Water Balance Data Release

A webinar will be held Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:30 by the CA Water Plan team to discuss the release of 2016 water balance data. Registration and agenda can be found here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8363162927003783950>

### DRAFT Urban and Agricultural Water Management Plans Released, DWR

DWR has released draft versions of two water management guidebooks; one for urban water management plans and the other for agricultural water management plans. Both plans serve as long-term water supply and demand management strategies. Details are available in this news release. [Two virtual public workshops will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 16, one each for the urban and agricultural guidebooks.](#) More information and registration here: <https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2020/Sept-20/Planning-Tool-for-Local-Water-Managers-Released-for-Public-Comment>

### FREE Tableau Conference

This interactive, broadcast-style event includes a mix of structured, 30-minute "episodes" and after-hours, on-demand, one-hour "sessions" for round-the-clock fun, learning, and inspiration. This free virtual event will be held October 6 – 8. More information and registration:

[https://www.tableau.com/community/events/conference?utm\\_campaign=2019194\\_TC20\\_IHCON\\_USCA\\_en-US\\_2020-09-01\\_T2-TCinvite&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Eloqua](https://www.tableau.com/community/events/conference?utm_campaign=2019194_TC20_IHCON_USCA_en-US_2020-09-01_T2-TCinvite&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Eloqua)

### Flood-MAR (Managed Aquifer Recharge)

A new survey on forming a Flood-MAR network is available: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloodMAR\\_2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloodMAR_2020). This survey is being conducted on behalf of DWR. There is also a [new Lunch-MAR monthly speaker series.](#) If you are interested in attending please email [Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Marr@water.ca.gov) (916) 651-9229 to be added to the calendar invite. To join the Flood-MAR listserv follow this link:

[https://listserv.ce.cnr.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR\\_FLOODMAR&A=1](https://listserv.ce.cnr.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_FLOODMAR&A=1)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has taken the wraps off a new tool called How's My Waterway. It can assemble a wide range of water quality data into user-friendly packages. Information is available on community, state, and national levels. Details are available in this news release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-dynamic-new-water-data-transparency-tool>

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research has updated the General Plan Guidelines to include [revised guidance on environmental justice.](#) The revisions provide more specific guidance on identifying and engaging with disadvantaged communities. There is also additional clarity on when environmental justice requirements are triggered.

<https://opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>

### Governor Newsom Releases Final Water Resilience Portfolio

The Governor released the final version of the Water Resilience Portfolio on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>: <https://waterresilience.ca.gov/>. Given the recent drastic downturn in the state's budget situation, the final version acknowledges that the pace of progress on the actions in the portfolio will depend upon the resources available. The portfolio is a comprehensive, aspirational document.

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### SGMA

GSPs have been submitted by all Critically Over-drafted basins.

GSPs and public comments have been posed on the SGMA portal here: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/gsp/all>.

### SVSim Beta Model Released

DWR has released the beta version of the [Sacramento Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model \(SVSim\)](#) that can be used during GSP development. Instructions for use are included in the [Roadmap to Running SVSim](#) document. A calibrated version of SVSim is expected in fall 2020.

### C2VSim Fine Grid

Version 1.0 is under QA/QC and documentation is under review. This is expected to be released in early Fall of 2020. C2VSim is an integrated numerical model that simulates water movement through the linked land surface, groundwater and surface water flow systems in California's Central Valley using the IWFm modeling platform.

### Draft Handbook for Water Budget Development

The handbook has been posted on the SGMA webpage and can be viewed at the following link under the “reports” tab: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>. A recent webinar discussing the handbook with a deeper dive on 4 topics can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1V4V-SG5jY&feature=youtu.be>

### DWR is developing eight Proposition 68-funded technical projects

These projects include airborne electromagnetic surveys, improving groundwater elevation and quality monitoring networks, Statewide land use data collection, improved subsidence monitoring network, installing and maintaining stream gauges, maintaining and enhancing statewide well completion reports, managing and reporting sustainable groundwater information, and enhancing and maintaining DWR’s modeling tools. Fact sheets on each project can be viewed under the “Prop 68” tab here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Data-and-Tools>

### Facilitation Support Services (FSS): Funding still available

- GSA’s developing GSPs are eligible to receive funding for identification and engagement of interested parties, meeting facilitation, interest-based negotiation/consensus building, and public outreach facilitation
- More information can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-Engagement>
- New written translation services available in 10 languages for outreach materials (5,000 word maximum).

### Technical Support Services (TSS): Funding still available

- COD basins have priority, but this application is open to all high and medium priority basins including those with an approved alternative plan. More information and applications can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>
- Funds can be used for monitoring well installation, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater level monitoring training, borehole video logging, and other field activities.

### Draft Report on Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability Released

- DWR recently released the draft *Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities at Risk of Drought and Water Shortage Vulnerability and Recommendations and Guidance to Address the Planning Needs of these Communities* report. The report provides information for GSAs to consider and incorporate into future updates to GSPs and will help inform management decisions as these plans are implemented. More information can be found here including 2 recorded webinars: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Making-Conservation-a-California-Way-of-Life/County-Drought-Planning>