**WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

Monthly Update

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****WRP sends out monthly updates on agency efforts relevant to the WRP Mission. This includes publicly available information from WRP Partners and agency news releases, etc. to assist in creating greater awareness of current WRP Partner actions. If you have any updates you would like to share, please email that information to amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org.

# **WRP Updates**

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You are cordially invited to participate in the **WRP TEC**call on **Friday, March February 28th.** This call will begin at 10:00 am Pacific. Please click  [here](https://wrpinfo.org/rsvp/?meetingId=86350) to RSVP. The featured presentation is: The Critical minerals mapping across the United States under the **USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative** (Earth MRI) by Jamey Jones.

The **February 28th WRP TEC call** **recording is** [**here**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FYbiJxeMb_Zw&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cb6086fc6314a4afce24408dd59fc10fe%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638765661360347788%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s8n4YrEa1L4ORnK6gf3mAZfh80xS4%2BC4UyVF7kI0oUE%3D&reserved=0)**.** This call featured a presentation on the *USGS 3D Elevation Program*by Cindy Thatcher,*Geographer,* U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Geospatial Program*.*

## **WRP Deep-Dives**

At the 2024 WRP Principals’ Meeting, Principals affirmed continuing the WRP Priority “*Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster.*” In support of this priority are the following Deep-Dives:

* Water Security/Resilience
* Wildland Fire (response/ prevention)
* Aviation/Airspace Needs

WRP Deep-Teams (comprised of state, federal and tribal entities) regularly meet to receive updates by SMEs and discuss WRP action items. For more details contact amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org

## **WRP 2024 Report**

[**2024 Report: Enhancing Resilience to Avoid Cascading Disaster** (July 2024)](https://wrpinfo.org/media/1971/2024-wrp-report_final.docx) This report includes the outcomes and findings by the three WRP Deep-Dives.

# **Energy**

## **Federal Updates**

* EO: [Establishing the National Energy Dominance Council](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/establishing-the-national-energy-dominance-council/)
	+ [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Establishes the National Energy Dominance Council](https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/02/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-establishes-the-national-energy-dominance-council/)
* [Secretary Wright Acts to “Unleash Golden Era of American Energy Dominance”](https://www.energy.gov/articles/secretary-wright-acts-unleash-golden-era-american-energy-dominance)
* [Secretary Doug Burgum Signs First Round of Secretary's Orders to Unleash American Energy](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.doi.gov%2Fpressreleases%2Fsecretary-doug-burgum-signs-first-round-secretarys-orders-unleash-american-energy&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C4902b75199414cb9197c08dd5908c0dd%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764616345579069%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FMAulXsW16mXZtFPSXKMFRT0Fv7tT6%2FuWVORgzgFq0o%3D&reserved=0)

### **FERC**

* [February 2025 Highlights | FERC insight | Volume 2](https://ferc.gov/news-events/news/february-2025-highlights-ferc-insight-volume-2)

### **DOE**

* [Secretary Wright Acts to “Unleash Golden Era of American Energy Dominance”](https://www.energy.gov/articles/secretary-wright-acts-unleash-golden-era-american-energy-dominance)
* Funding Opportunities:
	+ **May 2, 2025** |Through Solar with Wildlife and Ecosystem Benefits 2 (SolWEB2), EERE is offering $11 million to fund projects that improve the compatibility of [large-scale solar facilities](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Feere%252Fsolar%252Flarge-scale-solar-siting-research%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FHPL2BXonwZBZGyQtpcFvqZG9nmId8hdhnLGioSuwYlw%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607274079%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UfDtdt2766XLaBu6gbiWKcRvxTmQMvkqPUU%2BfdYhNOU%3D&reserved=0) with [wildlife habitats](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Feere%252Fsolar%252Fsolar-energy-wildlife-and-environment%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FMvA4Vi7Gvx5xTVgJ1qIgmpIR-0Irk4R03WuCpci_HAA%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607287753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3UunaxVlYZNU5F6HOdeFlOKGevhCUcueG7KDQ5mTnXg%3D&reserved=0) and facilitate the dual use of land for [agricultural](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Feere%252Fsolar%252Fagrivoltaics-solar-and-agriculture-co-location%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FF6bcqfu8_MJB2FOKWKYONM0ho5ldkYcIaFe7XnZo_JE%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607301289%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bNQ%2BtMZYpdEXVXtLO5J70%2FF712DJmsCYjdmLGzMm%2FCg%3D&reserved=0) and solar energy production. [Submit](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feere-exchange.energy.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2523FoaIdfe6561f9-adf8-4737-8f55-84d6104313f1%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2FC848lvpaQYFAQIN_Kdut9GdW-YUX3sFHnRPke5UhsJg%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607319712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MJPMiXA3LnWmND%2FbB3FEG9gPbY2qhgeIBlQafic2f7U%3D&reserved=0) your concept paper by **Feb. 14**. [Apply](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feere-exchange.energy.gov%252FSubmissionDetailsEdit.aspx%253FfoaId%3Dfe6561f9-adf8-4737-8f55-84d6104313f1%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194479bc868-e13eb348-026c-4cd8-930e-20fbebe158ca-000000%2F-RgyHxy8IoyvDN9AG1OT__S76PDvXSdksA4aU4v3ikQ%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7d431c1cc8ed4b5d10de08dd30269d7a%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719664607337804%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cvEx2bYhC5YAl5QmcfHqI4DZ3OTsCFw9enemvOnWCTU%3D&reserved=0) by **May 2**.
	+ **Aug. 28, 2025 |** $400 Million [Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas: Fiscal Year 2025 Release](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Foced%252Farticles%252Foced-announces-400-million-new-funding-lower-energy-costs-support-economic%2F1%2F01010192b5128389-28979e0e-7ea7-4bff-b8b4-d17a23d5680c-000000%2Foq4OvtzqmpDueFjh1Vf_gF88XJPO6inc7xauh63iaiY%3D375&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cdf3dca5093bd431c629f08dcf397aa73%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638653079975894712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PaQ7nHkJK8yHb5XMPEdHLNgCrqHfrSudoskRr%2FCal%2Bs%3D&reserved=0)**. Concept papers due Feb. 27, 2025; full applications due Aug. 28, 2025.**

**EIA**

* [EIA Independent Statistics and Analysis](https://www.eia.gov/pressroom/releases/press565.php)
* [Wholesale Electricity and Natural Gas Market Data](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/wholesale/)
* [Total Energy Monthly Data](https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/)
* [Electric Power Monthly](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eia.gov%2Felectricity%2Fmonthly%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C8f4c35b321da499b456f08dd2b4652cc%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638714303214831614%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AEOPTKqUfFUKZsUbBierzNs%2F7fe6OoBnsBgS5qU%2Bo9I%3D&reserved=0)

### **DOI**

* [DOI SO 3417 - Addressing the National Energy Emergency](https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3417-addressing-national-energy-emergency)
* [DOI Secretarial Order 3418 - Unleashing American Energy](https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order/so-3418-unleashing-american-energy)

### **DOI -BLM**

* [BLM seeks input for proposed Spring Valley Gold Mine](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blm.gov%2Fpress-release%2Fblm-seeks-input-proposed-spring-valley-gold-mine&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C3f19b947660449ae76fb08dd58f2a9bf%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764521439093252%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rxj2QGwOAVIaRPjuExDyNjyx6V0Ygvr%2BFONDMTIBG2E%3D&reserved=0)
* [BLM seeks initial input for December 2025 oil and gas lease sale in Colorado](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blm.gov%2Fpress-release%2Fblm-seeks-initial-input-december-2025-oil-and-gas-lease-sale-colorado&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cb59dab525ec34ba3853e08dd58f18679%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764516551221174%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QEJfZdZdA%2FQjVLovkErwzKv4Gdnzg7z25aNMb7QlKos%3D&reserved=0)
* [BLM announces May 2025 oil and gas lease sale in New Mexico](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blm.gov%2Fpress-release%2Fblm-announces-may-2025-oil-and-gas-lease-sale-new-mexico&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cdc22d7d1bb82490bf04b08dd58f0eff7%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764514027606640%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=d6aHr66cZcDteUlmC%2BKAB4Q%2BHtUNMS%2Blyb5tYG86N0Q%3D&reserved=0)
* [BLM seeks initial input for September 2025 oil and gas lease in Utah](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blm.gov%2Fpress-release%2Fblm-seeks-initial-input-september-2025-oil-and-gas-lease-utah&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd7e846ad061046bec19a08dd58f0dead%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764513763579732%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Y26hQjoTpDcaYVDK0ACUTgWA8K%2BERG28Lv9MWn%2FvNZw%3D&reserved=0)

## **State Updates**

* [Governor Polis, WGA Executive Director Jack Waldorf talk geothermal at the Atlantic Council](https://westgov.org/news/article/wgas-executive-director-jack-waldorf-talks-geothermal-at-the-atlantic-council)
* AZ: [Arizona’s largest utilities look to nuclear power to meet demand](https://www.azfamily.com/2025/02/05/srp-aps-tep-look-build-second-nuclear-plant-meet-arizonas-rising-energy-demand/)
* CA: [California Geothermal Grant and Loan Program Dashboard Collection](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/geothermal-grant-and-loan-program/california-geothermal-grant-and-loan?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* CA: [CEC Launches $55 Million Project for High-Powered Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Throughout the State](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/3d235f1)
* CA: [Public Comments for the 2025 IEPR Draft Scoping Order](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2025-integrated-energy-policy-report?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* CO: [Coloradans eye floating solar panels to boost water supplies](https://coloradosun.com/2025/02/22/colorado-floating-solar-panels-water-supplies/?utm_campaign=Newsletter)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Guidiville Indian Rancheria Installing Harnyss Microgrid at California Tribal HQ](https://www.microgridknowledge.com/community-microgrids/news/55267591/guidiville-indian-rancheria-installing-harnyss-microgrid-at-california-tribal-hq)
* Funding Opportunity: The Office of Indian Energy is extending the deadline of the Tribal Energy Planning and Development – 2025 funding opportunity to **March 20, 2025, at 5 p.m. ET.**
	+ [Apply for the funding opportunity announcement](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fie-exchange.energy.gov%252FDefault.aspx%2523FoaIdc1e60c9c-235e-45d5-9aa5-a8e832ebc1f6%2F1%2F010101954d4e339a-9cacddc7-5059-47d7-8e3e-304f7fdd04a3-000000%2FjcLbNRsJpnVKdqu_RAmELUadm1D4t-3cDmF8ePU6T-I%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C47346d9e20744566cc8908dd585085f6%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638763825079738601%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ekwEjVlkKnQZ3OmqByoZ55aNb56aDPgRKrleSOiYEFc%3D&reserved=0).
	+ Review the [webinar](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.energy.gov%252Findianenergy%252Ftribal-energy-planning-and-development-2025-foa-webinar%2F1%2F010101954d4e339a-9cacddc7-5059-47d7-8e3e-304f7fdd04a3-000000%2FtObnILDkI-k1bCIrDD2PB-JKWVne_Xz62HcCy1QdR-k%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C47346d9e20744566cc8908dd585085f6%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638763825079777772%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xGxjQF3BdKsor%2BmJqGdFSgOPDG5qFZ%2BwbNcoPSSyGfY%3D&reserved=0) for more information.

## **Regional Updates**

* [Transformer supply bottleneck threatens power system stability as load grows](https://www.utilitydive.com/news/electric-transformer-shortage-nrel-niac/738947/)
* [Exploring the New Nuclear Energy Landscape](https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2025/02/exploring-the-new-nuclear-energy-landscape?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=4d31adfd00-NAP+Mail+New+2025.02.18+-+Engaged+Segment&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-4d31adfd00-112545398&mc_cid=4d31adfd00&mc_eid=8790d236f9)
* **July 24, 2025**, 2:00 PM ET: [A Race to the Finish - Discussing the Intersections Between Desert Tortoises & Solar Development](https://rewi.org/webinars/intersections-between-desert-tortoises-solar-development/) Webinar
* [**August 26, 2025**, 2:00 PM ET: Wildlife Movement In and Around Solar Facilities](https://rewi.org/webinars/wildlife-movement-in-and-around-solar-facilities/) Webinar

# **Natural Resources**

## **Federal Updates**

* [Army Corps of Engineers:](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gao.gov%252Fproducts%252Fgao-25-107241%253Futm_campaign%3Dusgao_email%2526utm_content%3Dtopic_naturalresources%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F2%2F0101019523ddb2c5-c505282a-b5d0-4736-b054-0d8ec81d4a93-000000%2FyEXRKfoPpjfwACPXmfiZ0GfVZ7-JHMx4GeK6pZ6y1kY%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cf32e3fa0405844c1938c08dd51c0616c%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638756608902173993%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8umY8t3LWuJcCvBPQk2BIK2%2FTnEcPIT%2FimdtTOS8ArU%3D&reserved=0) [Geographic Distribution of Construction Funding for Water Resources Projects](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gao.gov%252Fproducts%252Fgao-25-107241%253Futm_campaign%3Dusgao_email%2526utm_content%3Dtopic_naturalresources%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F3%2F0101019523ddb2c5-c505282a-b5d0-4736-b054-0d8ec81d4a93-000000%2FVhN555xm3pA92sQWrn08c4BpNpUDKPwwSy73mEA6OWk%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cf32e3fa0405844c1938c08dd51c0616c%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638756608902191987%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lswYNP%2B3Tqk9mrfbmkfoqONbAWESY2iYoYu6IiwUnHY%3D&reserved=0)  GAO-25-107241, February 20
* The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership is pleased to announce that the 2026 Sentinel Landscape Designation Cycle is now accepting expressions of interest. All parties interested in being considered for designation must submit a completed expression of interest to FCC@sentinellandscapes.org by **11:59 PM in your local time zone on April 9, 2025**. In Summer of 2025, the Sentinel Landscapes Federal Coordinating Committee (FCC) will notify applicants whether they have been invited to submit a full proposal. Selected applicants will then have at least 60 business days to submit their full proposals. The FCC anticipates announcing designations in February 2026.

### **EPA**

* [EPA Announces $110 Million WIFIA Loan to Enhance Drinking Water Reliability in Drought-Prone Region of Utah](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-110-million-wifia-loan-enhance-drinking-water-reliability-drought-prone)

### **DOI-BLM**

* [Landmark Dingell Act land exchange completed](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blm.gov%2Fpress-release%2Flandmark-dingell-act-land-exchange-completed&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccdc259453d2c4f1bee4408dd58f1148d%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764514637920149%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gazo9hV3%2Bmx0HNVZEelMgdqpDksmEOmGOdkteC7aHzQ%3D&reserved=0)
* [BLM seeks input for proposed expansion of lithium mine](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.blm.gov%2Fpress-release%2Fblm-seeks-input-proposed-expansion-lithium-mine&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cedabac94c1594d0be39b08dd58f0d104%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764513507571782%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wDYhauaDJ0ydWv0xHPZfsWTk0dAr6Yk0RdBhMHswwhE%3D&reserved=0)
* [BLM opens comment period on proposed mining exploration near Mammoth](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-opens-comment-period-proposed-mining-exploration-near-mammoth)
* [BLM seeks input on proposed gold mine near Wickenburg](https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-input-proposed-gold-mine-near-wickenburg)

### **DOI-Bureau of Reclamation**

* [Reclamation Maximizes Water Supplies for Initial Central Valley Project 2025 Allocations](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fnews-release%2F5107&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C6bad4e9eb9b34af102ba08dd58f369bd%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764524667512557%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jBrivbB2PSDCQFXy4NV7hnKw2j1fAnOt1kXKnZgRvlU%3D&reserved=0)
* Funding Opportunities:
	+ **March 11**: [WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects 2024](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatlaspolicy.us21.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Db7dd5fec7dd3793c0eced07eb%26id%3D398a82a5cf%26e%3Dc9b99aaa74&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cc7e38cfff3d140d30f1308dcd8ca2be2%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638623610069925409%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FdmEKWQEEeEyh0SMB78I6LGKNU3OueLaInvWouDNqNk%3D&reserved=0)
	+ **April 7**: WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects Application Deadline Extended to **April 7**. The United States Department of the Interior has extended the deadline for [this program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.grants.gov%252Fsearch-results-detail%252F350116%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01000193e165c599-c97a2fd1-44ca-4307-8a46-f81cfe00a73f-000000%2FdLJACw6joxpMnyt7dCpcsZr_m9K2lxLy4EnA705RRwY%3D384&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C3c8e144ae91c4b18e72908dd214b63d3%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638703329872052150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TCgBG4QqYG3WkE4ujZdfUrT%2FbiOt9N1mdjqyl7fCbCk%3D&reserved=0), which supports large-scale water recycling projects in the Western United States.
	+ **April 15:**[WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoratio](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349870546%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dmgcmUpacKHvO%2FMgAefDGIPPhzDHuMhSxUIoEbXOOGQ%3D&reserved=0)[n Projects](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349886642%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g0UM94kVjFr25HWMzQnyrSFHedB4PcyapzzEaunkYs4%3D&reserved=0)[Grant Program](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usbr.gov%2Fwatersmart%2Faquatic%2Findex.html&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349914180%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Vi1PxeCbzULfPe2HhFhm8onUhKpzwt7Zls2s9M%2B0lOA%3D&reserved=0). Apply [here](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.grants.gov%2Fsearch-results-detail%2F357615&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C17420d148d89444e88c208dd29b1b1d8%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638712565349927356%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WHNnPycrWVE%2BP47Nql4%2F9CodDw4DQB%2Bp8iMLwc1cG3o%3D&reserved=0)

### **NASA**

* Funding Opportunity: A.60 Earth Action: Ecological Conservation” — to help accelerate biodiversity conservation, fueled with NASA information about the Earth as a system. Notices of intent are requested by **February 14,** and proposals are due **March 14**. Solicitation: <http://bit.ly/nasa-a60> and supporting information: [catalyst4conservation.org](http://catalyst4conservation.org/).

## **State Updates**

* Western States Water Newsletters: [Feb. 28, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2650.pdf) | [Feb. 21, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2649.pdf) | [Feb. 14, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2648.pdf) | [Issue #2648 - Special Report](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2648-Special-Report.pdf) | [Feb. 7, 2025](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2647.pdf) | [Issue #2647 - Special Report](https://westernstateswater.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/News-2647-Special-Report.pdf)

### **Arizona**

* [Arizona drought: How SRP scientists are measuring water](https://www.azcentral.com/picture-gallery/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/02/20/arizona-drought-how-srp-scientists-are-measuring-water/79071750007/)
* [Federal money will pay for connections between CAP, SRP canals](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/02/01/central-arizona-project-salt-river-project-connection-arizona/78086280007/)
* Funding Opportunity: [Governor Hobbs Allocates $14.6M to Water Conservation Grant Fund; Applications Open until **March 6, 2025**](https://www.azwater.gov/wifa-conservation-grant-fund)

### **California**

* [As atmospheric river reaches California, Governor Newsom continues to pre-deploy resources](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/02/01/as-atmospheric-river-reaches-california-governor-newsom-continues-to-pre-deploy-resources/)
* **March 18, 10-Noon Pacific**: The California Water Plan Team will provide an overview of the just-released *California Water Plan Update 2023* [resource management strategies](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252FPrograms%252FCalifornia-Water-Plan%252FWater-Resource-Management-Strategies%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2FBBJz91C12ASMKfuaCx1FHuR3QNyKt3TZAwej6CzvdZI%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908908788180%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CPtTOtZc016IhbRa%2FODmqFTooNi%2BpF7n1AoTci1nLIk%3D&reserved=0) (RMSes). Advance [registration](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fca-water-gov.zoom.us%252Fmeeting%252Fregister%252FmzLbssvyRyaq6tWBH0xkUQ%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2523%252Fregistration%2F1%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2FZW8p0kRCoqYSuC_NvyMfQspRJWfERE191IXA6iHcNCw%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908908804711%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JrPq4WPFXh3UeaywMm7XS8Ezm15L0A2gQxCL6zl0iiY%3D&reserved=0) is required for the webinar
* **April 10**: WEF Annual Water 101 Workshop will be held in Sacramento.
* **April 17**: The [Water Education Foundation](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.watereducation.org%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019542c7bc33-a3422471-2ace-46b9-9a51-df8c59327469-000000%2FDKFJQvQyvXLQxuWhCJ2D-shSO-A01nkB5s-tZa43yW0%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5b33bec71ecb49a3c73b08dd56783077%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638761796396689980%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LeJTt5Sg2etrxadtUcZJ4ceks6i8Xmc7wzNRTTpe8jE%3D&reserved=0) will offer its annual workshop at the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.
* **May 12–14**: 31st Annual [California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fcwemf.org%252Fwp%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F0101019542c7bc33-a3422471-2ace-46b9-9a51-df8c59327469-000000%2F50IkjsPeziVdzaR0OjpEHOV53KEpd63bkxT8JjNfD4A%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C5b33bec71ecb49a3c73b08dd56783077%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638761796396608528%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s7Ew0zODJGCVpKDzJNTwwd1B6EDdxRorrGGR3qBGl9M%3D&reserved=0) (CWEMF) Meeting in Folsom, CA
* [SFEI releases report on the future of Suisun Marsh](https://www.sfei.org/documents/marsh-transformed-historical-ecology-and-landscape-change-suisun-marsh?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* [NASA pinpoints areas sinking and rising along California coast](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.ads8163%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery/1/0101019542c7bc33-a3422471-2ace-46b9-9a51-df8c59327469-000000/YYc3ZNPv93gWQccHO4YPThdMlL7aixj0wx7g-yl8eoM%3D394)
* Working with the [State Water Resources Control Board](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2FasBbFXUK-p-k8oVb-VsLXZ5kaAJoTsi0cRFlM5KLQ-8%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908908897705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=grNvAOPUo%2F8%2FEMRVD93%2FOTf3P9lI8lfd%2B83F1l82%2B7c%3D&reserved=0), [DWR](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwater.ca.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2Fsbh90JDBxPWxidgKPsDqatq0d8na1nfqxRZVeoUW_QI%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908908912949%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Vbon6p3XIccdOTwTKubPE%2BqjE1H8yIEZ6zyT50EXfXY%3D&reserved=0) has developed the Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility Tool, an interactive mapping tool that identifies areas within groundwater basins throughout California that may be prone to water supply shortages in drinking water wells. To use this tool, visit [California's Groundwater Live](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fsgma.water.ca.gov%252FCalGWLive%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F2%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2FDLoWYsOohuFARhoHKvizjwyUFtsUfu3UcHQl2Vr38Ek%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908908945106%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zgA71XzRV3PQuWWKqu8LWfOfXrwz2SNDmmQVJwnruug%3D&reserved=0) and click the [Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fsgma.water.ca.gov%252FCalGWLive%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2523wells%2F1%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2F8YxnusUL5Bz9qHG-jLogui7nuk3-gloGM98dz3uJkGs%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908908960919%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=izRKwDA5gx%2FPInxYyR5xBfEVMK3I32TjS6ksFIlicOw%3D&reserved=0) tab.
* As part of DWR's technical assistance to groundwater sustainability agencies, other water managers, and the public, DWR actively maintains the [SGMA Data Viewer](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fsgma.water.ca.gov%252Fwebgis%252F%253Fappid%3DSGMADataViewer%2526utm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2523currentconditions%2F1%2F010101951f965571-62026b4d-f299-4520-b555-db5242f8dd56-000000%2FAgF9QVY1KoJ2usolk6N6ieRTn7UpxUan9K0Vre9a8hY%3D393&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ccfd6421b9f794c61b07908dd511d659b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638755908909011444%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X7a2UKc7yCd%2BzjSdKa5QAKleCR5wTy5VD8zp03ygx9A%3D&reserved=0).
* [SWP increases allocations forecast for 2025](https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2025/Jan-25/State-Water-Project-Increases-Allocation-Forecast-for-Millions-of-Californians#:~:text=%E2%80%93%20Today%2C%20the%20Department%20of%20Water,that%20serve%2027%20million%20Californians)
* Governor Gavin Newsom has issued [Executive Order (EO) N-16-25](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.ca.gov%252Fwp-content%252Fuploads%252F2025%252F01%252FExecutive-Order-N-16-25-ATTESTED.pdf%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194d66ac1ac-d4ec8f74-0833-44d8-a44e-2943e1a1b0e5-000000%2F3iDt36IYLn2zW6H83lOpK9-XUfwfMG1uz7A11YDGhT0%3D391&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd8577eec869147f0b11c08dd45f8bf0e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638743656876494657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wzKU6PqNGK5KgMS8pdYcYdSXrBuzylbj8f9xAdlzXVw%3D&reserved=0) to make it easier to divert and store excess water from incoming winter storms in Northern California.
* [Join a Flood-MAR Action Team](https://floodmar.org/get-involved/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
* The [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) reports](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.mwdh2o.com%252Fpress-releases%252Fsouthern-californians-per-person-water-use-drops-to-lowest-in-35-years%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194d66ac1ac-d4ec8f74-0833-44d8-a44e-2943e1a1b0e5-000000%2FOcYUsSMoW38sZLSQduX1vJ3U221pRHtGcCkdzBYpun8%3D391&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Cd8577eec869147f0b11c08dd45f8bf0e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638743656876590105%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nuwPnmXsSsSo2EyWygb5YDecC%2FDI%2BbgdggxCGvqGbO0%3D&reserved=0) that Southern Californians have reduced their per-person potable water use by 45% since 1990.
* The [State Water Resources Control Board](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252F%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2Fhwdo8SnrSaE0ws3c5X6gWNt_Gb1nFLtr5M5UqTk29nY%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827736008%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HBVJ5hRti7XEYsBq18VB%2Fdujhx1aVpVM1XFPhCSj%2Fp8%3D&reserved=0) (State Water Board) has announced important dates related to the [draft 2026 California 303(d) List of Impaired Waters](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252Fwater_issues%252Fprograms%252Fwater_quality_assessment%252F2026_integrated_report.html%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2FFuUnFVqyaMp9MYN4LOVDmj0VtQOpieTcnPRW77Ij6oQ%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827750175%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=z29gkW2h%2BZg%2F5d99nLWJh%2FxQw62QV%2BjCFltZ0ViHmdE%3D&reserved=0) and the supporting draft staff report. The documents will be available for a 60-day public review and comment period from **January 30** to **April 2**. See the [public notice](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-2.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%252Fboard_info%252Fcalendar%252Fdocs%252F2025%252Ffeb%252Fnotice_2026integratedrpt_010225.pdf%253Futm_medium%3Demail%2526utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%2F1%2F01010194466fefd6-409799b1-5ac8-49aa-9ee1-1801d824eef7-000000%2FoqJU3z0YZtnRDrarohNutaYHEPiwSxd-h4FpLFQz3pw%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C7757d68607c540279c4c08dd2ff6b31b%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C1%7C638719458827777790%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VHDoqYvaiXpDs5F6wgWwbc1HVNBzCtJuLX8ICC4j3GE%3D&reserved=0) for more details.

### **Colorado**

* [Colorado forests are releasing more carbon than they capture each year](https://warnercnr.source.colostate.edu/colorado-forests-releasing-carbon/)

### **New Mexico**

* [Strategic Water Supply Act becomes brackish-only bill - Water reuse efforts continue through other avenues](https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2025/02/21/strategic-water-supply-act-becomes-brackish-only-bill-water-reuse-efforts-continue-through-other-avenues/)
* **October 14-15, 2025**: [2025 Water Data Workshop](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pzfu7sh/lp/487d1f32-0527-4ca9-be6b-ee3a1c6c925f?source_id=406060b1-4edd-4581-a16b-eb554e70c284), Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel

### **UTAH**

* [Utah Water Conditions Update](https://naturalresources.utah.gov/dnr-newsfeed/utah-water-conditions-update-6/)

## **Tribal Updates**

* [Navajo Nation and state of Utah reach another water rights milestone](https://naturalresources.utah.gov/dnr-newsfeed/navajo-nation-and-state-of-utah-reach-another-water-rights-milestone/)
* [Natural Resources Agency Thanks Tribal Leaders, Northern California Counties and Conservation Groups for Their Leadership as Historic Agreement Announced to Secure Water Reliability in the Russian River, Benefit Salmon on the Eel River](https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/natural-resources-agency-thanks-tribal-leaders-northern-california-counties-and-conservation-groups-for-their-leadership-announce-historic-agreement-to-sec)
* [Arizona ranchers appeal water rights case involving Gila River Indian Community](https://www.kjzz.org/tribal-natural-resources/2025-02-10/arizona-ranchers-appeal-water-rights-case-involving-gila-river-indian-community)

## **Regional Updates**

* [Nationwide tap water survey reveals widespread contamination](https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/5164926-contaminants-american-tap-water-research/)
* [As drought continues, the stakes for a Colorado River deal rise.](https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2025/02/19/stakes-rise-for-colorado-river-deal/79104271007/)

### **WGA**

[WGA transmits bipartisan policy recommendations on endangered species to Congress](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgmsuxxbab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001L6-wDjbiMATyQODDUPlqUMjV3xjeF0Gc2QXDkRoWuFuCpllMcvVVoO5E7AJnfjvaAFMc_ZnNqfc759QgeGnswStT2n-HPXp8WAaIpORcrCGs8P_6i2HtBQLo-He9dpM1JimbkTbrJ-yS0juiAsy7De1qHKW8SpYGOOMlOBhJjqiAb6bjmwC6ih0LOLofwJMnxYOvy9YvljTnIQ5MRd02Bz9EUvU_no_MvxBngm_bG3qNKDO0SYA5vYfzBPlyelSnZO5ozB12WbR-B3O6L87dhE1LiPvhfwO1%26c%3Dq7CgFbPjNMAJIMX_7o90-P5_NPXxS0XXEa-kucvSlJONeuB7nP7pGQ%3D%3D%26ch%3DxLEDVWMZIoUcxoGEVHJLRQKUIL-5tP5HCNlX2Dv8u3Dftj2sfa7ZnQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C9cb655b2274943b060a408dd58502029%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638763823344926257%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=He1474PPKmiWAWzBGA8Vlq%2BdQJEN0qF%2FyrmeiWDXRkc%3D&reserved=0)

### **WRRC**

* **Apr 11**, 12:00 pm (AZ): WRRC Water Webinar: [*Advanced Water Purification in Arizona*](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.comms.arizona.edu%2F%3Fqs%3Dbbe09b67b5e8745b719998483a0a977ee2c918f4b61ce766fb0805935f2b0b2d420ff44e01772a11ab8c4985633d69120f0acae8c04ab687&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7C2870af10935c479a43ca08dd41392a0c%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638738435977275304%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Shl0pDV9eB0I31ZQ0Q3oWC5zIoLD0dHYJB%2FzNsfdJzE%3D&reserved=0)
* [WRRC Weekly Wave:](https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/WRRC-Summer-Wave--What-s-Next--Upcoming-WRRC-Events-and-Engagement.html?soid=1109945124084&aid=Qru09t8GWVg)  [Feb. 28, 2025](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/sites/wrrc.arizona.edu/files/2025-02/WW_02_28_2025.pdf) | [Feb. 21, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=c2300f231706f6b70c8ef1949da6fb354f6e8b9412342689ea92afa2987970beace45db11030ff49c22f0c46d05763e3f83d1d5ddeb1595c5e7dd0ab05bff62c2ee2b0c56c0a889d65cb49fb3a5711dc) | [Feb. 14, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=8418c39bf2523b07d9f3f8328be239713dcc31cef468db7bff9430ba63b7973fc2bdb5748ba1bb0642d4c274c37047c9948d381f954344f7319509ec1d600160638238e46bb966180136e95c1b02af74) | [Feb. 7, 2025](https://view.comms.arizona.edu/?qs=08aecec2eb1f6409d7645d1e8b549ccd3f8b506592102351648ddd18d4b89bd0550bcf11f0fc66ac16c64551ddd52dd59573c41a7634443b6c723272ae0b2013af510dcb4d2de4b328422faaed99cf1f)
* Funding Opportunity: The WRRC is now accepting proposals for this year’s federal WRRA 104(b) and 104(g) grants.
	+ - [More information](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/opportunities/wrrc-grants-internships)
		- [Water Resources Research Act Program](https://water.usgs.gov/wrri/index.php)
		- [104(b) Small Research Grants](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/opportunities/wrrc-grants-internships/104b-small-research-grants)
		- [104(g) National Competitive Grants | Water Resources Research Center | The University of Arizona](https://wrrc.arizona.edu/opportunities/wrrc-grants-internships/104g-national-competitive-grants)

# **Military Readiness, Homeland Security, Disaster Preparedness and Aviation**

## **Military Readiness**

### **DOD**

* [Hegseth Addresses Strengthening Military by Cutting Excess, Refocusing DOD Budget](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.defense.gov%2FNews%2FNews-Stories%2FArticle%2FArticle%2F4072698%2Fhegseth-addresses-strengthening-military-by-cutting-excess-refocusing-dod-budget%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichelle.bell%40ag.tamu.edu%7Ce531ea79582543996ea108dd5908ba52%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C638764616226756186%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7MDib1TmDEde8tamIatXS3buNGJADTD1HRiv9Qt5Khc%3D&reserved=0)
* [Hegseth seeks to shift $50 billion in FY26 budget proposal](https://www.defenseone.com/policy/2025/02/hegseth-seeks-shift-50-billion-fy26-budget-proposal/403128/)
* [Hegseth: Pentagon must return to long-term planning against strategic adversaries](https://www.defenseone.com/policy/2025/02/hegseth-defense-department-must-return-long-term-planning-against-strategic-adversaries/402858/?oref=defenseone_today_nl&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Defense%20One%20Today:%20February%2010%2C%202025&utm_term=newsletter_d1_today)
* [Statement by Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert G. Salesses](https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/4071371/statement-by-performing-the-duties-of-deputy-secretary-of-defense-robert-g-sale/)
* [Pentagon needs further industry collaboration on O-RAN development for 5G interoperability](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/02/pentagon-needs-further-industry-collaboration-on-o-ran-development-for-5g-interoperability/?utm_campaign=BD%20Daily)
* [Trump administration weighing C-UAS role in Iron Dome for America, two-star general explains](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/02/trump-administration-weighing-c-uas-role-in-iron-dome-for-america-two-star-general-explains/?utm_source=sailthru)
* [Sensing grid should be 'top priority' for US Iron Dome: NORTHCOM head](https://breakingdefense.com/2025/02/sensing-grid-should-be-top-priority-for-us-iron-dome-northcom-head/?utm_campaign=BD%20Daily)
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