The development of the **Strategic Plan for the Future of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) in California** will include a series of workshops in April 2013. They will focus on the goals and vision of the plan. Dates for the workshops will be announced later. Information on the strategic plan is available [here](#).

The **California Irrigation Institute** has opened registration for next year’s annual conference. It will be Feb. 4 and 5, in Sacramento. The conference will focus on innovations in irrigation technology and technique. Details, including registration and hotel information, are available on the [institute’s website](#).

The first of a two-part workshop on flood frequency analysis will be hosted by the Floodplain Management Association and the U.S. Geological Survey on Monday, Jan. 14, in Sacramento. There will be discussion on flood frequency concepts and the value of long-term and historic flood records. The registration deadline is Jan. 7.

The **Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)** has approved $18.8 million worth of grants to help restore and protect fish and wildlife habitats throughout California. The funding covers 21 projects, including some that provide public access to natural resources. Details are available in a [news release](#) from the Department of Fish and Game.

**EPA provides summary for workshop on water and the U.S. economy**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has posted a summary of a recent technical workshop related to the study **The Importance of Water to the U.S. Economy**. One of the goals of the workshop was to launch a broader discussion of information needed to support economic decisions related to water. Workshop presentations can be downloaded from the [EPA website](#).