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RCRC Sponsors North State Human Trafficking Summit

RCRC sponsored the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Institute's Regional Information Summit in Shasta County this week to gather information about local challenges, successes, and stories from representatives of the North State related to human trafficking. Information gathered from the RCRC-sponsored Summit held in Redding on Thursday will be used to develop specific recommendations for the state to align systems and efforts to prevent human exploitation and trafficking, and support victims.

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CAL FIRE Awards Additional SRA Fund Grants

On Tuesday, CAL FIRE announced the award of \$3 million in grants from the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Fund for projects around the state that target reducing the increased threat of wildfires due to the ongoing drought and significant tree mortality. The announcement marks the second round of grants awarded since the beginning of the year to assist local fire departments and fire districts in creating projects that reduce the risk of wildfire in and around communities in the SRA, bringing the total amount of awarded SRA Fire Prevention Fund grants to \$5 million.

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Shasta, Oroville, and Folsom Reservoirs All Above Historic Average

After four years of a severe drought in California, three of the state's major reservoirs are above their historic average for this time of year. Many of the other reservoirs are filling up as well, and the sierra snowpack should place a crucial role keeping water in our reservoirs throughout the dry summer months ahead.

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Senate Begins Debate on FAA Reauthorization Bill

This week, the Senate began debate on H.R. 636, the legislative vehicle for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization bill. The bill would provide \$33.1 billion for aviation programs, and would reauthorize FAA through FY 2017.

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Bureau of Reclamation Announces Water Allocation for Central Valley Project

Last Friday, the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) announced water allocations for the Central Valley Project (CVP), the latest the annual announcement has been made. March hydrology information was needed in order to fully inform the allocations.

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Senate EPW Committee Discusses Water Infrastructure Improvements

This week, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee conducted a hearing on how the federal government can boost water and wastewater infrastructure. The committee heard from local leaders, water utilities from urban and rural areas, and environmental organizations

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Senate Returns With House Still on Spring Break

This week, the Senate returned to action and will be entering a busy four-week stretch that will see a focus on FY 2017 appropriations measures and continued negotiations over moving energy reform legislation and an aid package for Flint, Michigan.

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