The Meeting Summary for the Oct. 11 North Coast Regional Workshop in Fortuna has been posted to the Water Plan Web site. This workshop concluded the first round of regional workshops for Update 2009. The next round of regional workshops will begin in February or March 2007.

During last week’s Water Plan Plenary Meeting in Sacramento, DWR Supervising Engineer Chris McCready was told about two conferences that she thought might be of interest to water planners.

1. Integrating Reparian Habitat Conservation and Flood Management in California, Dec. 4-6, Sacramento. [Read the flier.]
2. Landform Grading and Soil Ecology: Preserving Natural Hydrologic Functions in Watersheds Impacted by Development, Jan. 17, Sacramento. [Read the flier.]

Utah Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. challenged a regional water planning conference this month to think creatively in developing recommendations for how the West can best meet increasing demands for water. The three-day conference in Salt Lake City was sponsored by the Western Governors’ Association and the Western States Water Council. WGA and the water council addressed the challenges the West faces in a 2006 report, Water Needs and Strategies for a Sustainable Future [Beware, this is a large, 9mb pdf]. The conference built upon the report’s findings in three areas:

- The role water policy and planning should play in dealing with growth for a sustainable future.
- Water planning at the local or watershed level and the commitments that will be required by various levels of government.
- Understanding climate change and deploying adaptation strategies.

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