Delta Vision panel offers 12 recommendations in final report

The governor’s Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force has released its final report, *Our Vision for the California Delta*, which offers a vision for sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The report offers 12 linked recommendations and several proposed near-term actions to protect the Delta ecosystem and the state’s water supply. “We’ve got to turn the water debate in California on its head to make any progress. We can’t keep hitting brick walls,” said Task Force Chair Phil Isenberg. The seven-member Task Force will prepare an implementation plan by October. Here are links to the full report, report summary, and news release.

Scenario workshop summary now available online

We have posted the Meeting Summary for the Nov. 29 Water Plan Scenarios Narrative Workshop on the Water Plan meeting materials Web site. The workshop began building a framework for scenario construction based on the scenario work done in Water Plan Update 2005. The feedback and outcomes of the workshop were to be used at the Water Plan Advisory Committee meeting today. The summary can be found here.

MWD board OKs Colorado River pacts

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors has authorized a series of four agreements that will determine how water shortages are shared along the Colorado River. Vern Knoop, chief of DWR’s Water Supply Evaluation Section in Southern District, said the agreements will provide useful information for the preparation of the South Coast Regional Report in our Water Plan Update 2009. Read more.

Report identifies climate change effects on urban water

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies last week released its white paper, *Implications of Climate Change for Urban Water Utilities*, which identifies likely impacts of climate change on drinking water systems in different regions of the U.S. Read more.

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