Today we introduce a weekly electronic newsletter designed to keep you abreast of Water Plan news. It will include meeting notices, staffing changes, water planning developments in the U.S. and abroad, and other news supporting the California Water Plan 2009. We plan to publish each Wednesday morning. Your comments, suggestions and any news tips you think will interest other “water planners.” are welcome. You can e-mail us at wpenews@water.ca.gov

Water Plan staff are sad to say good-bye to Scott Matyac, who after 22 years with DWR is leaving to accept an Assistant Manager position with the Yuba County Water Agency. Scott has spent most of his career at DWR in support of the California Water Plan. Starting fresh out of college, Scott is leaving as DWR’s manager for the Land and Water Use Program. Scott has been instrumental in efforts to modernize analysis for the Water Plan including the switch to reporting water use data in a yearly format, development of the Land and Water Use web portal, and quantification of water demand scenarios in Update 2005. We wish Scott great success in his new position and look to future collaboration.

The Water Plan’s annual conference-style meeting that brings us all together – stakeholders, Advisory Committee, State Agency Steering Committee, Tribal groups, regional representatives, and State agency staff. We’re still working out details and will post them on our Web site as we finalize. For info, e-mail Paul Dabbs.

Water plan patrons here in California may be interested in the Web site for the water plan in Victoria, Australia. You can find it here.