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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

New Mexico tackles water issues with a ‘Water Cabinet’

For the past three months, New Mexico has been working on its water challenges with a Water Cabinet. Gov. Bill Richardson created it to unify the direction of all executive agencies with responsibilities for New Mexico’s water. It’s designed to align the state’s water plan with water and wastewater infrastructure development, environmental regulations, and planning documents. “Creation of the Water Cabinet will help coordinate water policy at the highest level,” Richardson said. You can read more here.

DWR releases report on Bay-Delta Evaluation Program

The Department of Water Resources has released the 28th annual progress report of its San Francisco Bay-Delta Evaluation Program carried out by the Delta Modeling Section. This year’s report is titled ‘Methodology for Flow and Salinity Estimates in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh.’ Here’s the link.

PBS features in-depth program on nation’s water policies

The Public Broadcasting System’s Justice Talking has prepared an in-depth program titled “Are Current Water Policies Leaving Us High and Dry?” One segment features Peter Gleick, president of the Pacific Institute and a former Water Plan Advisory Committee member. Another segment features Chris Scheuring, environmental attorney with the California Farm Bureau. You can listen to the entire program here.

SWRCB will discuss water-energy issues and climate change

The State Water Resources Control Board, which also calls itself the State Water Board, and Department of Water Resources wants to hear what the public thinks about water-energy issues and climate change during the board’s public meeting next Tuesday in Sacramento. “The relationship between water and energy and the challenges to our water quality and supply are now well recognized as key factors in our response to climate change,” the board agenda item reads. Read more.