Regional Workshops to continue in Central California

The next four of this year’s Water Plan Regional Workshops will be held during the next few weeks in Central California to allow the public to comment on an initial draft of Regional Reports.

- Tuesday, March 11, Table Mountain Rancheria (near Friant). Meeting materials, including the Initial Draft Regional Reports for the San Joaquin River and Tulare Lake regions, can be found here.
- Monday, March 24, Oakland. Meeting materials, including the Initial Draft Regional Report for the San Francisco Bay Area Region, can be found here.
- Tuesday, March 25, Salinas. Meeting materials, including the Initial Draft Regional Report for the Central Coast Region, can be found here.
- Thursday, March 27, Courtland. Meeting materials, including the Initial Draft Regional Report for the Delta area of interest, can be found here.

DWR encourages attendance by the public and representatives of water agencies and associations; local, state, tribal (recognized and non-recognized), and federal governments; watershed, community groups, and conservancies. Four more Regional Workshops will be held early next month. You can find more information here.

Conservation's watershed program under way

A new statewide watershed program is getting under way. It's an extension of the previous CALFED Bay-Delta Watershed Program, and it's now administered by the Department of Conservation. Its purpose: to advance sustainable watershed-based management of California's natural resources through community-based strategies. The program's Advisory Committee, appointed by the governor, is undertaking an aggressive public outreach with meetings around the state. Learn more here.

Water planners call for fundamental shift

From ScienceDaily Web site: The past is no longer a reliable base on which to plan the future of water management. So says a prominent group of hydrologists and climatologists who call for fundamental changes to the science behind water planning and policy.