North Coast holds regional workshop

Water Plan Update 2009 ends the latest round of regional workshops next Monday (April 28) in Santa Rosa. The focus is the initial draft of the North Coast Hydrologic Region report. The workshop will be held at Sonoma County Water Agency, Redwood Rooms B and C, 404 Aviation Blvd. [For meeting materials, click here.](#) Find other initial drafts for Update 2009 regional reports [here](#).

DWR releases computer model for water planners

DWR has released a computer model it developed for department economists and others. The complex program (SC-SIMETAW) estimates daily soil water balances for crops in order to determine applied water balances. Although developed for the South Coast Hydrologic Region, it can be used in any area if the correct data are available. [For more information see the Web site.](#)

Three workshops on IRWM funding set

DWR has scheduled three workshops next month to update the public about the department’s Integrated Regional Water Management program as funded by Propositions 84 and 1E. The meetings will be held in Oakland on May 13, Riverside on May 15, and in Fresno on May 22. [An agenda and materials are posted here.](#)

Public meetings concerning Delta this week and next

The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force will meet tomorrow and Friday in West Sacramento. [Click here for details.](#) The Bay Delta Conservation Plan will conduct a series of meetings beginning next Monday (April 28) to discuss the plan’s EIR/EIS. [See schedule here.](#)

‘Use Water Wisely’ is theme for Water Awareness Month

DWR will observe next month as Water Awareness Month, promoting the theme “Use Water Wisely.” “Water is a vital necessity for our environment, people and quality of life. So wise water use and robust conservation efforts are more important now than ever before,” said DWR Director Lester Snow. Water Awareness Month originated in response to California’s most recent multiyear statewide drought in 1987-1992. [Go here for more information.](#)