Final Schedule Set for RMS Workshops

The final schedule for resource management strategy workshops to be held in July and August is available here on the Water Plan Web site. Workshops will take place at the Center for Collaborative Policy in downtown Sacramento. Those who cannot attend these public meetings are welcome to participate over the phone or GoToMeeting on the Web; information is available on the schedule. You may also submit written comments by Aug. 11. Meanwhile, working drafts of the RMS narratives discussed at the workshops will be posted here beginning today.

DWR workshop will tackle quantifying statewide water scenarios

The Department of Water Resources will hold a technical workshop of the Statewide Water Analysis Network (SWAN) Thursday, June 19. DWR will present its proposed approach to quantify climate change, flood management, environmental water, and water quality in Water Plan Update 2009 for future scenarios using the Water Evaluation and Planning system, or WEAP. For more information click here.

Corps mulls guideline changes that could affect state, local water planning

The first draft of revised economic and environmental guidelines used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for water projects is scheduled for release by July. The changes, prompted by the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, could have significant implications for how the state and local governments conduct future water management planning studies and in particular, economic analyses. The first public meeting on the changes was held in Washington last Thursday. Read more.

Texans try to boost state’s ‘Water IQ’ to promote conservation

The latest edition of the Texas Water Development Board’s Water for Texas quarterly newsletter features its new water conservation program “Water IQ.” It’s aimed at making Texans aware of the importance of conserving water. The new promotions was started because the TWDB found that only 28 percent of Texans knew where their water came from. You can find the newsletter here.

Mark your calendars

• Through July 21, a series of FloodSAFE stakeholder briefings will be held throughout the state on the draft FloodSafe Strategic Plan. Read more