The California Water Plan Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, Oct. 31. At this meeting — open to the public — the AC will formally review the new draft Highlights (executive summary) document. DWR seeks advice on the Highlights as it prepares the Administrative Draft for Water Plan Update 2009. You can find the agenda here. There is a $15 registration fee.

The governor’s Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force will meet tomorrow and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17, to review the fifth iteration of the panel’s strategic plan. The new version is posted here. The meeting will be Webcast; go here for more information. The final strategic plan recommendations are to be submitted to the public and the Delta Vision Committee by Oct. 31. You can find a meeting agenda here.

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A new U.S. Geological Survey report examines the nation’s groundwater availability and outlines a program of study by the USGS Ground-Water Resources Program to improve our understanding of groundwater availability in major aquifers across the country. USGS officials say the approach will be useful for state and local agencies. You can find the 70-page report here.

The 7th Annual "Headwaters to Ocean (H2O)" Conference will be held Oct. 28-30 at the Westin Long Beach. The conference will cover many coastal and ocean issues, including water quality, beach restoration, wetland restoration, watershed management, desalination, coastal policy and legislation, and marine debris. Read more.

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