DWR has scheduled three sessions to discuss how the department will implement Prop. 84 Integrated Regional Water Management implementation grants and Prop. 1E Stormwater Flood Management grants. The workshops will be held in Riverside, Nov. 18; Sacramento, Nov. 19; and Goleta, Nov. 21. Find details here.

Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Bob Johnson has announced that a funding opportunity is now available online for fiscal year 2009 under the “Water for America” Challenge Grant Program. USBR is seeking proposals for system optimization reviews, which provide a broad look at system-wide efficiency focused on improving efficiency and operations of a water delivery system, water district, or water basin. “These reviews help water users identify the most efficient way to manage their water distribution systems,” said Johnson. “By identifying efficiencies and developing a plan of action, water users can then work to meet their growing demands.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will present the “Innovative Energy Management Workshop” on Dec. 16 in Sacramento. The workshop is designed to provide energy management concepts, tools, and techniques to assist water and wastewater utilities in implementing measurable energy reduction goals. The workshop is co-sponsored by the California State Water Resources Control Board, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Water Environment Association, the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works, and ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability). Registration is available online. Seating is limited.

The Texas Water Development Board has published its quarterly newsletter — similar to the California Water Plan Update 2009 eNews that you’re reading now. We’re posting it here to allow our readers to see an example of what’s going on with water planning in other states.