The California Water Plan Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, Dec. 18, in Sacramento at the Double Tree Hotel. DWR will provide members a preview of the Public Review Draft of Water Plan Update 2009 including the Highlights. The meeting is public. Please RSVP to Sogol Moghadam at smoghada@water.ca.gov.

In 2006, the Western Governors Association’s report, titled Water Needs and Strategies for a Sustainable Future, contained broad ranging recommendations to address challenges associated with water management in the West. It has now released a follow-up report on the progress of that initiative and the “next steps.” You can find the report here.

DWR wants to hear from the public about a proposed model ordinance for water efficient landscapes. All written public comments on the “Modified Text of Proposed Regulation” must be submitted to DWR no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Read more.

Learn more about DWR’s tribal liaison. Barbara Cross explains her role and the communication between DWR and the state’s tribes in a special Podcast, including the Tribal Communication Plan. You can listen to the Podcast here. For information about the communication plan, please visit this Web site.

A Delta Vision Committee workshop about its implementation plan will be held on Friday in Sacramento. The session will be Webcast; find details here. By Dec. 31, the committee is supposed to recommend to the governor and Legislature how to implement the strategic plan. The strategic plan can be found here.

DWR will conduct a public workshop in Walnut Grove on Tuesday, Dec. 9, to explain draft guidelines for funding of Delta Levee Special Flood Control Projects. Passage of Propositions 1E and 84 in 2006 significantly increased the amount of money available for Delta levee projects. DWR is developing policy and guidelines for prudent long-term Delta investments. Read more.