Water Plan advisers to consider
Public Review Draft

The California Water Plan Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, Dec. 18, in Sacramento. The meeting will feature an update on the Delta Vision Implementation Plan, cover changes made to the Water Plan Highlights document, and provide an overview and an opportunity to comment on the soon to be released Public Review Draft. Meeting materials and agenda can be found here. The meeting is public. The registration fee is $15, which includes lunch. Please RSVP to Sogol Moghaddam at smoghada@water.ca.gov

Delta Vision set to make recommendations to governor, Legislature

The Delta Vision Committee will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Sacramento to consider recommendations to the governor and Legislature about the future of the Delta. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger created Delta Vision in 2006 to identify a strategy for managing the Delta as a sustainable ecosystem that would continue to support environmental and economic functions that are critical to the people of California. You can find the meeting agenda here.

Director’s slides of drying reservoirs paint grim drought picture

You can view DWR Director Lester Snow’s 84-slide presentation to the 2008 Association of California Water Agencies conference last week in Long Beach. The slides in his presentation Water & Fire: Managing Drought in the Golden State offer a grim view of drying state and federal reservoirs. They illustrate that spring and summer 2008 were the driest spring and summer on record. You can view the slideshow here.

Water organizations make suggestions to President-elect Obama

Four national water organizations have sent a letter to President-elect Barack Obama outlining key elements of a plan to keep drinking water clean. The American Water Works Association, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the National Association of Water Companies and the National Rural Water Association signed the letter proposing the funding of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s rural water loan and grant programs at a minimum of $1 billion annually. Read more.