DWR today released the Highlights and Volume 1 of the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009: Integrated Water Management. Read details here. The plan has benefited from the first interagency Steering Committee representing 21 state government agencies with jurisdictions over different aspects of water resources, and it integrates their companion plans and initiatives. In the next three weeks, Volume 2 and Volume 3 also will be released. In addition, workshops will begin next month and be scheduled through May. Comments about the plan are due by June 5. All drafts will be posted here on the Water Plan website.

The Delta Vision Committee has submitted its final implementation report to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger with recommended actions on how the California Delta should be managed to fulfill its equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration. The plan sets priorities based on the Delta Vision Strategic Plan developed by the Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force. The document has been posted on the Delta Vision website.

As part of the Water For America Initiative, the Bureau of Reclamation is seeking letters of interest from "non-Federal entities" throughout the 17 western states to conduct river basin or sub-basin studies that have water supply and demand imbalances. "Basin Studies will examine water supply issues and study needs of unique basins in the West," said USBR Commissioner Bob Johnson. The studies will identify basinwide water supply issues that may be resolved with changes to water supply system operations, facilities modifications, development of new facilities, or non-structural changes. The studies will incorporate the latest science, engineering technology, climate models, and innovation. Read more.

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