DWR releases details of regional workshops on Water Plan Update

DWR and 20 other State agencies invite you to participate in a series of 12 regional public workshops to gather and share information about the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009. Other workshop presentations will focus on the Regional Report for the area and other statewide water-related initiatives. Public input will be sought regarding local and regional activities, issues, and water management strategies. This round of workshops also will seek public comment on the Public Review draft. The workshops will be held statewide in April and May. More details and region-specific agendas for these other workshops will be posted and available here. DWR encourages participation by water agencies and associations; local, state, and federal governments; California Native American tribes; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public.

DWR workshops to explain IRWM grant process

DWR will offer two workshops about the Region Acceptance Process for Integrated Regional Water Management funding. The first will be held in Sacramento next Thursday, April 2, and the second in Los Angeles on Wednesday, April 8. The meeting in Sacramento will be webcast over the Internet. Find meeting and webcast details here. The Region Acceptance Process is a component of IRWM program guidelines and will be used to evaluate and accept an IRWM region into the IRWM grant program. It is not a grant funding application; however, acceptance and approval of an IRWM region into the IRWM grant program will be required before a region can apply for a grant.

Water conservation meeting begins Monday in Newport Beach

A four-day conference on water use efficiency and conservation will be held in Newport Beach beginning next Monday, March 30. The WaterEC conference offers municipal professionals, state and federal government officials, consultants, irrigation professionals, contractors, utility and power representatives, engineers, and manufacturers the opportunity to attend training that will cover a targeted range of techniques, tools, and solutions. Read more.

Two workshops will focus on urban water conservation

The Water Education Foundation and the Association of California Water Agencies are sponsoring two day-long workshops about urban water conservation. The workshops — one in San Francisco on April 16, the other in Irvine on April 23 — will bring together experts from local water agencies, cities, state government and others to provide insight into legal and rate-increase issues related to water cutbacks and insights on how to reduce customer water use through mandatory and voluntary measures. The fee for the workshop is $195. You can find more details here.