Four regional workshops about the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009 will be this week and next. The workshops will be held:

- Thursday (tomorrow), April 30, in Mira Loma for the South Coast Region
- Friday, May 1, in San Luis Obispo for the Central Coast Region
- Thursday, May 7, in Merced for the San Joaquin River Region
- Friday, May 8, in Visalia for the Tulare Lake Region

DWR and 20 other State agencies invite the public to participate in the workshops and seek comment on the Public Review draft. The rest of the workshops will be held in May. More details and region-specific agendas for these other workshops will be posted and available here.

DWR will conduct two workshops next month to introduce proposed language for the state plumbing code, dual plumbed building design standards. Dual plumbing allows buildings to use both potable and recycled water. The workshops will be held May 11 in Sacramento and May 20 in San Diego. Go here for workshop details.

The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 signed by President Obama on March 30 is a massive piece of legislation. It contains many California-specific measures and other measures of interest to the California Water Plan, including the Secure Water Act (Subtitle F of the Omnibus Act) that focuses on global climate change. Summaries and entire text of the Omnibus Act, including the Secure Water Act (Subtitle F, Section 9503), can be accessed here.

CAL FIRE, a member of the state agency Water Plan Steering Committee, has added a climate change section to its website. The objective is to provide information about climate change effects on California forests, the role of forests in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and actions for adapting to climate change. You can find the website here.

With recent enactment of the Recovery Act, the Bureau of Reclamation will be accepting new applications from irrigation and water districts for funding under the Challenge Grant Program for water marketing and efficiency grants. It is aimed at projects that bank water, market water, conserve water, or generally make more efficient use of water supplies; assist those affected by the recession; and provide infrastructure investments. The application deadline is May 22. Read more.

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