Revised schedule sets final Water Plan release for February 2010

The final Water Plan Update 2009 is scheduled to be released in February 2010, according to a revised timeline posted on the Water Plan website. Originally set for December 2009, the new release date reflects changes in response to mandated employee furloughs. The new timeline also shows the rescheduled Plenary meeting, which will be held Oct. 14 and 15. For the Plenary meeting, a pre-final version of Update 2009 will be posted online, and the public is asked to comment. Meeting information and materials will be posted here.

Agenda posted for Water Plan advisory meeting on Aug. 13

The California Water Plan staff has rescheduled its Advisory Committee’s July 24 meeting because it falls on a State government furlough Friday. It will be held instead on Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. Click here for the meeting agenda and materials.

Reorg reflects commitment to Integrated Water Management

Passage of Propositions 84 and 1E resulted in significant new responsibilities for DWR: a $5 billion FloodSAFE California program and a $1 billion Integrated Regional Water Management program. Over the past two years, DWR managers have considered changes in the organization that could improve its ability to respond to these new responsibilities. DWR Deputy Director Mark Cowin explained the changes in the current issue of DWR’s house organ, DWR NEWS/People. You can read it here. A current organization chart can be found here.

DWR eyes new dual plumbing code for potable, recycled water

In response to the governor’s drought declaration and the recommendation of the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force, DWR is in the process of adopting statewide standards to install plumbing for both potable and recycled water. This Dual Plumbing Code, once adopted, will be incorporated into the California Plumbing Code as Chapter 16A Part II. Read more.

Alliance for Water Efficiency offers members water conservation tool

Need help in planning your water conservation programs? The Alliance for Water Efficiency now has a solution for you! The AWE Water Conservation Tracking Tool is now available. It was finished after a successful beta testing period with a number of water utilities. The Tool — complete with a detailed User Guide — is available free of charge to all AWE members in good standing. Go here for more information.