This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

**Director Snow to open Day 2 of Plenary**

The last Plenary Session of Water Plan Update 2009 takes place this Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14 and 15, at Sacramento’s Radisson Hotel. Thursday’s opening remarks will be made by Lester Snow, director of the Department of Water Resources. Following the opening remarks, attendees will review the recommendations in the draft resource management strategies. To conclude the plenary, participants will look ahead to improving the 2013 Update and reflect on the success of the 2009 Update. Registration for the Plenary is $15 each day. The agenda is posted here. Please RSVP to Ginny Sajac at (916) 653-7101 or by e-mail.

**CIMIS GOES Spatial**

The new Spatial California Irrigation Management Information System Geostationary Environmental Satellite (Spatial CIMIS GOES) contains daily average reference evapotranspiration (ETo) and solar radiation maps for the state of California. Users can schedule email deliveries of CIMIS data for their area of interest. You can find it here.

**Sierra Alliance conference to consider water issues**

Tracie Billington of DWR’s Division of Integrated Regional Water Management will give the keynote address at the Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) Summit in Kings Beach. The summit is part of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s annual conference held Oct. 16-18. The focus of the larger conference is on meadow science, meadow restoration approaches and building capacity and support for future meadow restoration, topics addressed in the forest management resource management strategy in Update 2009. Find more information here.

**Deputy director Cowin addresses water governance**

Mark Cowin, deputy director of DWR, testified at a Little Hoover Commission public hearing on water governance on Sep. 24. His remarks on “Integrated Water Management: Incentivizing Coordination and Implementation” are available here. The Water Governance Subcommittee will convene another public meeting on water rights and water quality on Oct. 14, 2009. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Univ. of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. More information here.

**Workshops to help local governments with new landscape watering law**

DWR and the California Urban Water Conservation Council are conducting a series of workshops around the state to explain the new updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that requires cities and counties, including charter cities and charter counties, to adopt landscape water conservation ordinances by Jan. 1, 2010. Registration instructions are included in the workshop announcement that lists the schedule for all workshops. Interested persons can also view a WEBCAST via the internet on Nov. 3 after completing an online registration form available here.

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