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.

Friday is deadline for commenting on Pre-Final Draft of Water Plan

This Friday, Oct. 30, is the deadline for commenting on the Pre-final Draft of Update 2009. You can send in your comments via e-mail, postal mail and FAX. You can find the draft, related material, details on how to comment, and a link to all comments on the Water Plan website here.

Final two workshops on landscape watering ordinance in Oakland, Sacramento

DWR and the California Urban Water Conservation Council will hold the final two workshops about the new updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance next week. On Monday, the workshop will be given in Oakland, and on Tuesday it will be given in Sacramento. Six previous workshops were held throughout the state. The workshop on Tuesday will be Webcast; register online here for this option. The ordinance requires cities and counties to adopt landscape water conservation ordinances by Jan. 1. Registration instructions for Monday’s workshop in Oakland are included in the workshop announcement.

Water Information Management Symposium set for Nov. 17-19

The Western States Water Council and the Department of Water Resources will hold a Water Information Management Symposium in San Diego on Nov. 17-19 with a special focus on climate change adaptation. The agenda includes panels on climate change adaptation, emerging drinking water contaminants, and climate activities at the state level on the first day. Remote sensing applications, ecosystem and fishery implications and monitoring and data needs will be addressed on the second day. Finally, the symposium wraps up with workshops on research programs and adaptation planning and projects. The agenda includes registration information.

‘Drought Bulletin’ and handy list of websites keep you up-to-date

DWR’s monthly Drought Bulletin will keep you current on California’s water conditions. It includes such topics as groundwater conditions, drought effects by hydrologic region, status of drought emergencies declared by counties, and Save Our Water public outreach activities conducted by DWR and ACWA. You can find the current issue here. Also, if you need the latest drought information for the state, there is a handy list of websites and documents. It’s perfect if you’re making a presentation about the drought. On it there’s a website where you can find up-to-date reservoir levels; or a list of frequently asked questions; or a drought timeline; and nine more sites and documents. You can find it here.

Click on links below for more information.

Upcoming Meetings www.waterplan.water.ca.gov