Paul Massera has been appointed chief of DWR’s Strategic Water Planning Branch responsible for the California Water Plan Update. Kamyar Guivetchi, manager of the Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, made the appointment, which was effective on Monday, Nov. 16. Massera will direct and oversee preparation of the California Water Plan Update, which includes a multi-State agency Steering Committee, a diverse public Advisory Committee, regional outreach workshops, tribal meetings, and a large interdisciplinary Project Team. Massera began his career with DWR in 1994 and has worked on a variety of assignments including CALFED, DWR’s Division of Environmental Services and helped prepare the 2005 Water Plan Update. Read more.

CalFIRE will conduct a workshop/Webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S. St., Sacramento, to discuss 2010 Forest and Range Assessment. Part of the assessment will identify watersheds where continued forest conservation and management is important to the future supply of clean municipal drinking water, or where restoration or protection activities will improve or restore a critical water source. Meeting, phone-in and web information will be available soon here.

Workshops set for Nov. 24 on urban, ag water use efficiency

Two final Water Plan workshops on the Agricultural and Urban Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Water Plan Resource Management Strategies will be held Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to Noon (Urban WUE) and 1-5 p.m. (AG WUE). The sessions will be held at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S St., Sacramento. A full agenda and additional meeting information is available at this website.

Summary of SWAN workshop posted on Water Plan website

A summary of the Oct. 8 Statewide Water Analysis Network (SWAN) has been posted here on the Water Plan website. The purpose of the workshop was to solicit feedback on recent studies exploring the effectiveness of regional and statewide water management responses to uncertainties facing California water managers. Studies were presented that offer different perspectives on how climate change, population growth, droughts and other uncertainties may affect regional water management systems, and operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

Deadline for comments on desalination RMS is Monday, Nov. 30

The Desalination Resource Management Strategy has been posted to the Water Plan Update website, and comments are being sought. You can send your comments via e-mail, postal mail and FAX. The deadline is Monday, Nov. 30. You can find the draft and details on how to comment on the Water Plan Web site here.