Final AC meeting for Water Plan Update 2009 next Wednesday

The last Advisory Committee meeting for Update 2009 will be held next Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Doubletree Hotel Sacramento. The day-long session will provide an overview of the Water Legislation Package, IRWM Grant Guidelines, and Concepts for Update 2013. The agenda is posted here.

Draft Drought Contingency Plan to be aired March 16

DWR will conduct a workshop to discuss the Public Review Draft for the California Drought Contingency Plan from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, in Sacramento. The session will be held in the John Muir Conference Room of the Department of Conservation. You can find additional details here.

Modeling experts to meet in Monterey for annual event

The agenda for the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum 16th Annual Meeting has been posted on the CWEMF website. The Annual Meeting will be held from Monday, Feb. 22, through Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Asilomar Conference Center near Monterey. Water Plan Update 2009 is the subject of one of the meeting’s sessions.

This year’s Planners’ Book of Lists includes water use information

The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research has published the 2010 California Planners’ Book of Lists. The annual publication has served planning professionals and the public for more than 25 years. This year’s edition includes information about cities’ and counties’ water conservation, groundwater management plans, water use for general plan buildout, and which jurisdictions have recycled water or landscaping standards. You can find the document here.

California water law symposium to tackle key legal questions

A day-long conference on California water law will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, in San Francisco. Titled: Who Controls the Water? Reforming California Water Law Governance in an Age of Scarcity, the symposium will focus on new California water legislation and its effect on governance. Discussions will include, “Will the legislation’s new governance structures help resolve the Delta’s challenges?” and “What further reforms in California’s institutions are needed to meet the state’s future, competing, water needs?” DWR Chief Counsel David Sandino is the symposium’s opening speaker. You can find details here.