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.

‘Lavishly illustrated’ California Water Atlas goes online

The Water Resources Center Archives at UC Berkeley has completed the digitization of the California Water Atlas (1979), which the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research authorized last August. The atlas is a detailed, lavishly illustrated description of water and water issues in California. When published in 1979, Charles Wollenberg in the California Historical Quarterly called it “a very big and beautiful book...well-written, spectacularly illustrated, and filled with useful information for expert and layman alike...an indispensable sourcebook for decades to come.” You can find it here.

Water Board offers newsletter about water rights laws

The State Water Board has begun a monthly newsletter about water rights laws and news. The first issue focuses on changes in water diversion and use reporting. Among these changes are new fines for failure to report water diversion and use and for reporting incorrect information. You can sign up for the digital newsletter here.

Cal/EPA offers online training about tribal governments

Cal/EPA will offer a training session about tribal sovereignty live online on Monday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training will explore the history of California Indian tribes and will illustrate how the sovereignty of tribal governments has evolved. The relationship between tribal governments and the federal government will be explained. There will be a discussion of Public Law 280 and its impact on tribal governments in California. State, federal, tribal and local government employees who work with tribal governments are urged to view the training. You can find details here.

Little Hoover Commission hearing on water tomorrow at Capitol

Water governance is the subject of a Little Hoover Commission hearing set for tomorrow, Jan. 28, at the State Capitol Building. The commission is examining the management and governance of California’s water supply. It also will discuss water use efficiency, groundwater management and storage, and strategies for streamlining the water transfer process. You can find details here.

Irrigation Institute conference to be held next week in Sacramento

The 48th Annual California Irrigation Institute Conference will be held in Sacramento next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 2. The conference title is “Running on Empty - Thinking Outside the Tank.” Speakers will make presentations on such topics as agricultural and urban water supply, conservation, management, technologies. You can find details about the conference here.

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