Drought Bulletin updates water conditions around the state

DWR has published its latest drought bulletin which provides a monthly update to California’s water conditions. As the winter season is upon us, reservoir conditions have typically reached their lowest levels after summer demands. The total statewide October through December precipitation was 78 percent of average, further adding to our accumulated water supply deficit. Information in the update is based on hydrologic data compiled through the end of December. This month’s report includes: updated information on hydrologic and water supply conditions; local drought impacts; a discussion on historical drought periods; impacts by hydrologic region; and the status of drought emergencies declared by counties. You can find the bulletin here.

Changes ahead for state Transportation Plan workshops

The California Transportation Plan 2035 workshops, scheduled for this month and next, will not be taking place as planned. Instead, the workshops will focus on the California Interregional Blueprint initiative, recently launched by Caltrans. The Transportation Plan includes water topics. Read more.

State Strategic Growth Council to consider ‘Greening’ guidelines

The State’s Strategic Growth Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Secretary of State’s offices in Sacramento. You can find the agenda and meeting details here. The council may adopt the Urban Greening Grant Guidelines for projects and planning. It will also consider for adoption the “SGC Consensus of Federal Transportation Policy.”

DWR seeks public comment on Valley flood inventory document

DWR has released for public comment the draft State Plan of Flood Control Descriptive Document. It’s an inventory of the facilities of the State-federal flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. The draft report is available for download here. Comments about the draft report are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, and can be submitted by email to cvfmp@water.ca.gov.