DWR releases IRWM grant guidelines

DWR has released the Draft IRWM Grant Program Guidelines, Planning Grant PSP, Implementation Grant PSP, and Stormwater Flood Management Grant PSP. The guidelines and PSPs will be used in distribution of grant funds pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E). The document release begins the public comment period, which closes at 5 p.m. on April 23. The documents can be downloaded here.

Pre-proposals for Sierra Meadow Restoration grants now available

Pre-proposals for funding under the Sierra Nevada Meadow Restoration Initiative (Keystone) are now being invited. They are due April 1. Meadow Restoration is part of the new Forest Management strategy in Water Plan Update 2009. You can find information and a link to the Keystone Initiatives application here.

‘Greening our Water Infrastructure’ conference set for April 9 in Petaluma

The North Bay Watershed Association will present a conference titled “Greening Our Water Infrastructure” on Friday, April 9, in Petaluma. DWR is a sponsor of the conference. The objective of the conference is to explore water supply innovations, recycling advancements, watersheds, and green infrastructure. It is aimed at public officials, leaders in business, science and environmental organizations, and the public. The keynote speakers are Assemblyman Jared Huffman, chairman of the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife; and Frances Spivy-Weber, vice chair of the State Water Resources Control Board. For more information go here.

2009 Tribal Water Summit proceedings are now available online

The 2009 California Tribal Water Summit proceedings are now available. About 300 people attended the Summit, including leaders and representatives from 66 California Native American Tribes, 15 tribal organizations, 13 State agencies, and eight federal agencies. Discussion focused on tribal water rights; rivers, dams, and fish; watersheds; and water as sacred. The proceedings, along with the 2008 Working Draft Tribal Communication Plan will be included in the Update 2009 Reference Guide, and the Update 2009 Highlights will include a second CD with all of the Tribal Summit and Tribal Communication materials, including a series of briefing papers and tribal water stories.