Governor, legislative leaders appoint members of new Delta Stewardship Council

All seven members of the Delta Stewardship Council have been named. The council, created as part of a water policy package OK’d by the Legislature last year, is charged with creating and implementing a plan for the management of the Delta. It must address water supply and conservation of the Delta’s ecosystem. The governor named three and legislative members picked three. Delta Protection Commission Chairman Don Nottoli by law is the council’s chair. The first meeting of the council is scheduled for April 1 in Sacramento. You can find the list and bios of the new members and details of the meeting here.

Summary of meeting of California Biodiversity Council posted

A summary of the March 10-11 meeting of the California Biodiversity Council that focused on Integrated Water Management in California has been posted on the CBC website. You can find it here. The CBC met in Fairfield for a two-part session. With the upcoming release of the California Water Plan: Update 2009 DWR paired with CBC to seek and develop a deeper understanding of water issues in the Bay Delta, Integrated Regional Water Management Plans throughout the state, and ways that different state agencies, as well as federal and local government could use each other’s resources and knowledge.

New DWR website focuses on water use efficiency and SBx7 requirements

DWR’s Water Use Efficiency office has created a new website that focuses on Senate Bill x7-7 enacted in 2009 that requires the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use by Dec. 31, 2020. The law establishes that the measure of increased efficiency is on a per capita basis. The law also requires the state to make incremental progress towards this goal by reducing per capita water use by at least 10% on or before Dec. 31, 2015. SBx7-7 is much broader than 20x2020 urban WUE. You can find the new website here.

DWR seeks consultants in flood risk, water management

DWR’s Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management invites qualified consulting firms with backgrounds in conducting studies focusing on multi-objective flood risk and water management to submit a Statement of Qualifications. The Request for Qualifications has a description of the qualifications required and directions for preparation and submittal of your response. It has to be received by 2 p.m. on Monday, April 12. Read more.