Learning more about Update 2009

Last month, DWR released Water Plan Update 2009. Today we’ll bring you another tip on how best to get the most out of the Water Plan.

Use ‘butterfly charts’ to reveal statewide water use, supplies and more

Check out the “butterfly chart” on page 4 of the Highlights booklet that shows statewide water use, sources of supply, annual change in storage and percentage of average precipitation for water years 1998 through 2005. The water uses are presented on the “left wing”; the sources of supply and change in storage on the “right wing”; and annual precipitation and water years in the center. A similar chart is shown on page 6 of the Highlights booklet for each of the 10 Hydrologic Regions. Readers can find more information on California’s variable and sometimes extreme conditions in Volume 1, Chapter 4, California Water Today; and about regional diversity in the 12 Regional Reports in Volume 3, which will be posted online soon.

Ag groundwater subject of June 15-17 conference in San Francisco

Issues related to groundwater use and agriculture will be the focus of a June 15-17 conference in San Francisco. “Toward Sustainable Groundwater in Agriculture: An International Conference Linking Science and Policy” is being organized by the Water Education Foundation and the University of California, Davis. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency at the San Francisco Airport in Burlingame. You can find more information here.

UC Davis symposium on declining salmon set for next Wednesday

The U.C. Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture (CABA), the Delta Science Program, and the UCD Center for Ecological Theory will hold a symposium next Wednesday, May 5, on factors influencing the salmon decline in California and the Pacific Northwest. It will be held on the UC Davis campus from 9 a.m. to noon. You can find details of the symposium here.

DWR seeking comment on climate change planning guidelines

DWR is accepting public comments on its Integrated Regional Water Management Climate Change Document Clearinghouse until May 10. DWR has released draft IRWM planning guidelines, which require the inclusion of climate change considerations in IRWM planning analyses. In an effort to assist IRWM practitioners, DWR has developed a clearinghouse of climate change documents. Go here for more information.

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