Tokyo engineering firm translates Water Plan Highlights booklet into Japanese

A Tokyo engineering firm has translated the California Water Plan Update 2009 Highlights booklet into Japanese. The translation was made by Naoko Watanabe, a visiting scholar from Japan in collaboration with Takashi Asano with UC Davis. Naoki Fujiwara at CTI Engineering Co. LTD, was the sponsor of the translation. You can view the translated document here.

Levees a topic at tomorrow’s Delta Stewardship Council risk workgroup meeting

The Delta Stewardship Council will hold a “risk reduction and coequal goals” public workgroup meeting tomorrow, July 8, in Sacramento. This is the first in a series of meetings in support of the development of an interim plan for the Delta. At this session, the workgroup will review materials included in the meeting packet (24mb, 400 pages) for the last council meeting to answer such questions as: What and where are the most significant short-term and medium-term levee risks in the Delta? Read the meeting announcement here.

Global Scenarios for the Century Ahead: Searching for Sustainability

The Tellus Institute of Boston has created four worldwide scenarios and summarizes them in a booklet titled Global Scenarios for the Century Ahead: Searching for Sustainability. It has examined the scenarios in great quantitative detail to the year 2100, drawing lessons for policy strategies, institutional change, and, ultimately, for human values and choices. Comparing the scenarios reveals the fundamental forces driving world development away from or toward sustainability. Read more.

DWR releases draft handbook for communities implementing flood laws

DWR has released for public review and comment a draft report titled Implementing California Flood Legislation into Local Land Use Planning: A Handbook for Local Communities. The draft handbook describes new legislative requirements that affect city and county responsibilities related to flood risk management and local land use planning. These new legislative requirements were part of the comprehensive flood package passed by the Legislature in 2007. Read more.

Strategic Growth Council releases info about grants for planning

The State Strategic Growth Council Planning Grants Program Solicitation Notice has been released. Applications are due Aug. 31. For a copy of the notice and FAQs visit the SGC website here.