DWR seeks advisers for Water Plan Update 2013; application available online

The Advisory Committee for Water Plan Update 2013 is being formed to help develop and refine policy recommendations for the plan. There also is a proposal to establish interest-based and regional-based forums. These groups would be chaired by AC members associated with a particular interest or region. More information and a link to the application are available here. The application should be returned by Aug. 25.

Aug. 10 workshop set to discuss Drought Contingency Plan

DWR will hold a workshop Aug. 10 about a soon-to-be-released Draft Drought Contingency Plan. The workshop will be held in Sacramento at CalEPA, Klamath Training Room. An agenda and the draft report will be posted here on the Water Plan Calendar by next Wednesday, Aug. 4.

DWR releases document to help urban water suppliers calculate consumption targets

On Tuesday, DWR released a draft of Urban Water Use Target Methodologies. The document helps suppliers of water to urban areas figure out urban water use targets. The department is seeking public comment on the document. The Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7) set a goal of reducing per capita urban water consumption 20 percent by 2020. Two workshops, one in Los Angeles and one in Sacramento, will be held next week to gather comments on the draft. Read more.

IRWM grant guidelines and proposal packages released by DWR

DWR this week released its Final Integrated Regional Water Management Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages for those seeking grants for planning, implementing IRWM projects, and for stormwater flood management. The guidelines and PSPs will be used to disburse grant funds according to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E).

UC Berkeley paper recommends “Public Goods Charge” for water

A paper by U.C. Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy Policy Analysis Project for the Public Utilities Commission recommends titled “Implementing a Public Goods Charge for Water” is now available on the Water Plan website.

SBX7-7 conservation meetings set for next week

Two DWR’s urban water conservation (SBX7-7) panels will meet next week:
- The Urban Technical Subcommittee will meet Aug. 2. Details.
- Urban workshop on process water on Aug. 3. Details.