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 next Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Water Plan Update 2013 will sponsor a workshop for California tribes on Thursday, Sept. 9, in Sacramento. The purpose of the workshop is to review the accomplishments of Update 2009, the development of Update 2013, and convening a Tribal Advisory Committee. Click here for the draft Tribal Engagement Proposal and workshop details.

Three DWR urban water conservation panels will meet next week. The “process water” (water used in manufacturing) group will meet in Sacramento next Tuesday, Aug. 24. Details here. A technical subcommittee will meet in Sacramento next Wednesday, Aug. 25. Details here. And the Urban Stakeholder Committee will meet in Sacramento a week from this Thursday, Aug. 26. Details here.

The Department of Conservation is offering about $9 million in Watershed Coordinator Grants to support coordination of watershed management and local watershed improvements. The grants allow special districts, non-profit organizations, and local governments to hire watershed coordinators. You can find more information here.

Because of several legislative changes, DWR is updating its guidebook for water suppliers who must file Urban Water Management Plans. It is due out in October. And DWR will present workshops in November, January and February. The department also has extended the deadline for filing UWMP from this Dec. 31 to next July 1. Read more.

The California Urban Water Conservation Council, the Water Forum, and the University of California, Davis, will present workshop focusing on landscape water conservation. The two-day session will focus on basic soil-plant-water relationships and present elements of the California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The workshops are scheduled for Davis, Sacramento, Chico, Stockton, and Roseville. Click here for dates and other details.

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