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.

The California Urban Water Conservation Council, the Water Forum, and the University of California, Davis, will present workshops focusing on landscape water conservation. The two-day sessions 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.

The Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources has posted a guide titled “How to Conduct a Shared Vision Planning Process.” You can find it here. The guide, provides a step-by-step description of running a shared vision planning process, a technique discussed in the California Water Plan Update 2009. That discussion can be found here.

The Professional Engineers in California Government have sponsored a new, one-hour documentary that addresses the problem of excessive carbon dioxide emissions and our dependence on fossil fuels. The Next Frontier: Engineering the Golden Age of Green cuts through the debate about global warming and climate change. Instead, it focuses on the renewable, clean energy technologies that can improve our future and create economic opportunities. Visit the website.

The Institute for Local Government has available several booklets as guides to land use planning. On its website, you can find titles in its series “Understanding the Basics of Land Use and Planning.” Among the titles are A Guide to Local Planning and A Guide to Planning Healthy Neighborhoods. The California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities, members of the Water Plan’s Update 2009 Public Advisory Committee, helped sponsor the booklets. You can find them here.