New tool will help water suppliers submit UWMP data

Water suppliers have a new tool for submitting data from urban water management plans (UWMPs). The DWR Online Submittal Tool (DOST) was made available this week. It will enable DWR to gather information on UWMPs throughout California and organize it in a statewide database. The DWR website also has an online manual with instructions for using DOST.

Webcast available for this week’s Tribal Advisory Committee meeting

A webcast will be available for this week’s meeting of the Tribal Advisory Committee for California Water Plan Update 2013. The meeting will be held Friday, Aug. 5, in Sacramento. A parking map, the agenda and meeting materials are available on the Water Plan website.

Appropriations committee to look at proposed policy for levee vegetation management

The Federal Appropriations Committee of the California Water Commission will be meeting Monday, Aug. 8, in Sacramento. The agenda includes challenges DWR has found with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ proposed policy on vegetation management for levees. The committee will also discuss federal appropriations for California water and flood projects.

Fifth staff draft of Delta Plan released, draft EIR to follow

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) has released the fifth staff draft of the Delta Plan along with 10 appendices related to the plan. It is the final draft before this month’s expected release of the draft environmental impact report (EIR). The DSC website also has links to the draft cover letter from the DSC executive officer and a chart showing the differences between the fourth and fifth staff drafts.

OPC looking for public feedback on draft plan for ocean protection

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is asking for public feedback on its draft strategic action plan for ocean and coastal protection. The draft plan was developed to provide vision and direction for advancing ecosystem management and protection over the next five years. Instructions on submitting comments and a list of public workshops on the plan are available on the OPC website.