Save the date for the first Water Plan plenary meeting in October

Regional forum and ag stakeholder meetings on tap for next week

Executive order adds Tribal Advisor to governor’s office

Annual science and technology report being made available online

DSC newsletter details proposal to expand recreational areas

Ecological network will track environmental trends from coast to coast

Mark your calendars for the first plenary meeting for California Water Plan Update 2013. It will be held Oct. 26 and 27, in Sacramento. The meeting will focus on integrated water management. It will feature updates and interactive sessions on several topics including integrated flood management, regional water management and finance planning. Details will be posted on the Water Plan meeting website.

Two notable meetings are scheduled for next week. The Central Coast regional forum will be conducted as a webinar and conference call on Thursday, Sept. 29. The agenda and link information are available here. The next Agricultural Stakeholder A1 Subcommittee meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 28. Details are on the DWR website.

Governor Brown has issued an executive order establishing the position of governor’s Tribal Advisor. The move is intended to strengthen communication and collaboration between California state government and Native American Tribes. That includes the California Water Plan, which has a Tribal Advisory Committee and a Tribal Engagement Plan in place.

The California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) has released an online version of its annual report. Science and the Public Trust focuses on the organization’s activities over the last year, including work on the Water Technology Caucus of the California Water Plan. CCST was created by the state Legislature in 1988 to provide expertise on public policy involving science and technology.

An article on the recommended expansion of recreation areas in the Delta and Suisun Marsh highlights this month’s edition of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) newsletter. There is also information on the process the DSC must follow to turn proposed policies in the Delta Plan into state law.

The National Science Foundation is funding a project to collect climate change, land use change and other environmental information from across the country. The National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) will be designed to forecast ecological change on a national level. The NEON website includes a video that explains how the data collection will be conducted.

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