Program for this month’s Water Plan plenary meeting now available online

The program and other information have been posted for the Water Plan Update 2013 plenary meeting. This is the annual joint session of Water Plan advisory groups. The two-day meeting will be Oct. 26 and 27, in Sacramento. It will include caucus meetings, workshops and presentations by DWR Director Mark Cowin and other keynote speakers. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP. There are no registration fees for the meeting, but there is a $15-a-day fee for those attending the working lunch sessions.

Providing a look at the irrigation methods used on California crops

Results of the latest California irrigation methods survey are available on the DWR website. This year the California Department of Food and Agriculture surveyed farmers throughout the state about the irrigation methods used on their crops. The survey is done approximately every 10 years. Results from the 2001 survey are also available on the website.

Draft regulations aim to help local agencies get state funding for flood projects

DWR has developed draft Assembly Bill 1788 regulations that detail how local agencies can qualify to get state funding for flood projects. The notice of proposed rulemaking can be found in the California Regulatory Notice Register. It includes instructions on submitting public comments, which are due by Friday, Dec. 2.

EPA issues additions to California’s list of polluted waters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released its final decision on the areas to be added to California’s list of polluted waters. A map of the waters added to the list is available here. The EPA decision is based on the California 2010 Integrated Report that had been submitted to the agency.

Water management screening model now available to download

DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have teamed up to develop a water management screening model for California’s State Water Project and Central Valley Project. CalLite 2.0 (Beta) is designed to improve the understanding of water system operations and potential management changes. Instructions for downloading the model are available on the DWR website.