Wednesday’s Update  October 26, 2011

This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

DWR brochure details development process for Update 2013

DWR has published a brochure outlining the ongoing development of California Water Plan Update 2013 (Update 2013). It includes information detailing new focal areas and changes from the last Water Plan update in 2009. For those wanting to monitor the process of Update 2013, the brochure includes a list of links where the latest information is available.

Public comment period open for modified agriculture water regulation

The California Water Commission has made modifications to a proposed agriculture water measurement regulation and will be accepting public comments on the changes until Thursday, Nov. 3. The modifications were made following an initial round of public comment and input from DWR staff. Instructions on submitting new comments are available online.

Transportation plan will take California land use goals into consideration

The California Department of Transportation will be holding two public workshops to discuss a strategy that would combine California’s transportation and land use goals. The California Interregional Blueprint is a planning process designed to create more sustainable mobility solutions. The workshops will be held Friday, Nov. 4, in Sacramento, and Tuesday, Nov. 8, in Los Angeles.

Looking for ways to keep stormwater from going down the drain

An article looking at ways to preserve a site’s natural ability to retain and use stormwater is in the latest edition of Western Water. The publication from the Water Education Foundation cites California Water Plan Update 2009 regarding establishment of policies to promote better urban water runoff management. The article also looks at low impact development, which reduces the amount of runoff from a site.

SGC working on process to set priorities for the next three years

Next month’s meeting of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) will include a staff report on the council’s strategic plan. It is part of the process to establish priorities for the next three years. The meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, in Sacramento. Details are in the agenda. A webcast of the meeting will be available on the SGC website.

Click on links below for more information.