Climate change report helps set the stage for governor’s conference

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released the summary of its Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation. The report is the basis for Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.’s climate change conference on Thursday, Dec. 15, in San Francisco. Information on the report is available in this IPCC news release.

Ag water efficiency up for discussion at next week’s workshop

DWR has scheduled a workshop next week to discuss its proposal for measuring the efficiency of agricultural water use. The workshop will be held jointly with the Agricultural Water Management Council on Wednesday, Nov. 30, in Sacramento. The DWR website has the agenda, webcast access instructions and meeting details.

Public asked to provide input on needs for Suisun Marsh

The Delta Conservancy will hold a community meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30, in Suisun City to get input on ways to support the needs of the Suisun Marsh. The conservancy is the lead agency for implementing ecosystem restoration in the marsh. Meeting details and contact information are available on the conservancy’s website.

Forest service maps show link between forests, watersheds

The U.S. Forest Service has released a series of maps to show the role forests play in sustaining watersheds. The maps are part of the Forests to Faucets project, which provides a look at development, fire and other potential watershed threats. Watersheds on national forests and grasslands are the source of 20 percent of the nation’s water supply.

Water council adopts management policy for western states

The Western States Water Council recently adopted a resolution on water management. It says water must be given a high public policy priority at all levels and that an integrated approach to water management is critical to efficient use of resources. The council consists of representatives appointed by the governors of 18 western states. Its workplan is available here.