The next meeting of the California Water Plan’s Public Advisory Committee will focus on three topics: the first meeting of the Disadvantaged Communities/Environmental Justice Caucus, graphics in California Water Plan Update 2013 and the first meeting of the Integrated Flood Management Caucus. The Public Advisory Committee meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2, in Sacramento. The agenda and other details are available on the Water Plan meeting page.

The discussion being held at the Public Advisory Committee meeting about Water Plan graphics will be the first of several workshops on the topic. The others will be spread throughout 2012. Workshop details and agendas will be posted here as they become available.

The Water Plan’s Land Use Caucus will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, in Sacramento. There will be limited seating for this meeting. Once details are worked out, those planning to attend can go here to RSVP and register online. A webcast will be available. The agenda is expected to be posted later this week.

The Public Draft 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan is being made available on the DWR website. The plan will be presented to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board at its meeting on Friday, Jan. 27. The draft recommends a statewide investment approach for improving public safety, ecosystem conditions and economic sustainability, while recognizing the financial challenges being faced by government agencies. Also available on the DWR website is the December 2011 Flood Control System Status Report.

Activities promoting sustainable forests are highlighted in a report released by the U.S. Forest Service. The National Report on Sustainable Forests was developed to enhance and inform public dialogue about sustainability. It contains information on the social, economic and ecological dimensions of maintaining forests.