It is time to RSVP for next month’s Public Advisory Committee meeting

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council has issued a progress report on its efforts to implement A Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California, which was released by the council in 2010. The annual progress report covers the accomplishments of the council and several of its workgroups. One workgroup is addressing interagency data sharing needs that will be critical to the development of California Water Plan Update 2013.

Workshop for guidebook to help ag water suppliers prepare management plans

DWR is developing a handbook to help agricultural water suppliers prepare water management plans that must be submitted by the end of the year. A workshop on the draft agricultural water management plan guidebook will be Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Sacramento. A webcast of the workshop will be available.

Federal plan spells out national priorities for managing ocean resources

A portion of the Water Plan will cover near coastal resources. The federal government is also putting together a plan on priority actions for the oceans. A draft version of the National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan spells out nine national objectives and ways to accomplish them. Public comments on the plan will be accepted until Monday, Feb. 27.

The schedule has been released for the 2012 California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) funding fairs. They will be held in six cities: San Diego, Riverside, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Redding and Sacramento. The funding fairs provide information about the grant, loan and bond financing options available for infrastructure projects. The CFCC is made up of eight funding agencies: five state and three federal.