Public Advisory Committee set
to spend day looking at three
topics of the Water Plan

The next meeting of the Public Advisory Committee for California Water Plan Update 2013 gets underway tomorrow morning, Feb. 2, in Mather. The meeting will be broken into three parts: a joint session of the Disadvantaged Community/Environmental Justice Caucus, a public workshop on graphics, and the Flood Caucus joint session. A webcast of the meeting will be available.

SGC includes integrated resource management in new strategic plan

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has adopted its Strategic Plan 2012-2014. The SGC coordinates the activities of state agencies to promote sustainability, economic prosperity, and quality of life for all Californians. The strategic plan outlines several strategies and actions, including using integrated resource management to achieve sustainability objectives. The staff implementation plan is also online.

Stakeholder committee to take look at final draft of agricultural WUE report

The Agricultural Stakeholder Committee will meet next week to discuss the final draft of the DWR report to the Legislature on quantifying ag water use efficiency (WUE). The meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Sacramento. Details and contact information are available here.

Putting together a plan to deal with a Texas-sized water problem

California isn’t the only state that develops a water plan. The Texas Water Development Board has just released 2012 Water for Texas. The primary message is that in times of serious drought Texas won’t have enough water to meet its needs. The plan includes conservation recommendations and other water management strategies that would need to be imposed under extreme conditions.

Could cactus hold the key to cleaning up soil contamination?

DWR is providing partial funding for a study on whether prickly pear cactus can help remove selenium from the soil on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Irrigation water has carried selenium into the area, creating high levels of the chemical that have had a devastating effect on wildlife. An article published this week in The Fresno Bee explains what is at stake and how cactus may help.

DSC to review Delta proposal during next week’s meeting

Next week’s meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will include a review of the Delta Protection Commission’s proposal to sustain the Delta as an evolving place. The two-day session will be Feb. 9 and 10, in West Sacramento. The meeting announcement and parking map are available on the DSC website.

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