April calendar includes a Water Plan workshop, forum and meeting

Ag water regulation up for consideration by water commission

DWR accepting comments on draft plan for urban flood protection criteria

FloodSAFE Focus provides a look at aerial imaging, flood insurance program

Land use decisions to be part of the discussion at Caltrans summit

April’s schedule for California Water Plan Update 2013 includes a chance for those who missed this month’s meeting of the Public Advisory Committee. A make-up session will be held Tuesday, April 17. Other meetings include the Salt and Salinity Resource Management Strategy workshop on Wednesday, April 25, in Sacramento; the Colorado River Regional Forum, which will be available online on Thursday, April 26; and a Groundwater Caucus meeting on Friday, April 27, in Sacramento.

Consideration of an agricultural water measurement regulation is on the agenda for next week’s meeting of the California Water Commission. The commission will meet Wednesday, April 18, in Sacramento. There will also be an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, including a discussion about financing. A webcast of the meeting will be available.

Public comments are being accepted for DWR’s draft Urban Level of Flood Protection Criteria. It provides a method for local governments to determine a level of flood protection before making development decisions. Details on the criteria and instructions for submitting comments by the May 4 deadline are available here.

The new edition of the FloodSAFE Focus newsletter is available online. The April 2012 issue includes details on a project to provide aerial imaging of stream systems and watersheds in the Central Valley. It will be used to provide data for flood risk assessment, better mapping and land use planning. There is also information on how the National Flood Insurance Program fits into California’s flood loss reduction strategy.

The California Department of Transportation will hold a summit meeting next month to discuss how land use decisions will factor into its vision for the state’s transportation system. The California Interregional Blueprint Summit will be Wednesday, May 23, in Sacramento. A webcast of the summit will allow online viewers to participate in the panel discussions.

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