Earlier today, DWR published the draft Assumptions and Estimates for California Water Plan Update 2013. The report details the data and data sources that will be used in the preparing the Water Plan. The state water code requires publication of this report one year before the final Water Plan is released.

Water conservation and efficiency study gives California highest marks in the country

California has earned top marks in a state-by-state study assessing laws and policies covering water efficiency and conservation. The Alliance for Water Efficiency and the Environmental Law Institute based the results on a survey conducted last year. California scored 29 points to earn a grade of A-. Texas earned the same score to tie for top honors. Details on the study are available here.

Water commission agenda includes final version of ag water measurement regulation

The California Water Commission will consider a final agricultural water measurement regulation at its meeting on Tuesday, May 8, in Sacramento. Meeting details and the agenda are available here. The regulation has gone through five public comment periods before reaching this stage.

IEP Newsletter includes report on fish salvage in the State Water Project

The latest edition of the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Newsletter is available online. The Fall/Winter 2012 issue includes a report on fish salvage at facilities in the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project. There is also the annual status and trends report for fishes in the San Francisco Estuary.

Online DSC booklet provides a look at water issues in California

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) has published an online booklet with information on a wide range of water issues facing California, with particular focus on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Facts and Information on California’s Water and Environmental Debates includes a variety of charts and graphs to illustrate how water management has developed over the decades, and it provides a snapshot of projected water supply and usage.