Workshops and meetings dominate the Water Plan calendar for the next two weeks

Several meetings related to California Water Plan Update 2013 are on the calendar for the next two weeks. They begin tomorrow, June 7, in Sacramento with a resource management strategy (RMS) workshop on sediment management. A Tribal Advisory Committee teleconference is set for Friday, June 8. The next meeting of the finance caucus will be Tuesday, June 12, in Sacramento. An RMS workshop on outreach and education will be held in Sacramento on Thursday, June 14.

DWR approves first phase of plan to reduce its GHG emissions

A plan to show how DWR will make substantial reductions in its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions has been signed into effect by DWR director Mark Cowin. Using 1990 as an emissions standard, the plan calls for a 50 percent reduction of GHG emissions by 2020 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050. The Climate Action Plan Phase I: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan is available online.

Report spells out how the California economy can prosper despite water problems

A report from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) says the state’s economy can prosper despite water problems created by climate change, but only if threats to the water system are addressed now. Water and the California Economy says one reason for a positive outlook is a declining reliance on water-intensive activities in the state. A press release and short summary of the report are available on the PPIC website.

Utilities getting introduction to a new federal handbook on sustainability plans

A webinar on Tuesday, June 12 will provide an overview of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency handbook Planning for Sustainability: A Handbook for Water and Wastewater Utilities. Registration for the webinar is required. The presentation will provide an introduction for water utilities about ways to incorporate sustainability considerations into their planning processes.

Management strategy for Sierra Nevada to be presented next week

Next week’s meeting of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association will include a look at the ecosystem management strategy for the Sierra Nevada. Part of that will be about the science being conducted in forests. The meeting will be Friday, June 15, in Placerville.