Updated agenda for Water Plan plenary meeting posted, RSVP form made available

An updated agenda has been posted for the California Water Plan Update 2013 plenary meeting on Sept. 12-13, in Sacramento. DWR Director Mark Cowin will deliver the keynote address. There will be sessions on the future of integrated regional water management (IRWM) and a Water Plan progress report. An online RSVP form is available for those planning to attend.

Governor’s website counters those questioning research on human-caused climate change

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. has unveiled a new website focusing on climate change. It is hosted by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research. The site details the basics of climate change science and explains why scientists say there must be immediate action to combat the problem. There is also information to counter arguments used by those who challenge the research on human-caused climate change.

Workshops to provide information on applying for ag water use efficiency grants

DWR will be conducting two workshops next month to provide information about the draft Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation Package. The workshops will be Monday, Sept. 17, in Fresno, and Friday, Sept. 21, in Sacramento. This next round of grants will be awarded for the planning or implementation of ag water management plans and for implementation of ag water management regulations.

IRWM planning grants meeting presentation made available online

DWR has posted the PowerPoint presentation from today’s meeting on the draft recommendations for round two of the IRWM planning grants. The public comment period on the recommendations closes Friday, Aug. 24. Details are available on the IRWM grants webpage.

Discount registration rate still available for levee research symposium

There is still time to get the discount registration rate for the Levee Vegetation Research Symposium. The deadline has been extended to Aug. 19. The symposium will be Aug. 28-30, in Sacramento. It will focus on research, including studies done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, into the effects of trees and plants on earthen levees.

Click on links below for more information.