The Oct. 24 meeting of the Water Plan’s Public Advisory Committee has been canceled. The committee’s next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13. As the agenda and other materials become available they will be posted on the Water Plan’s calendar page.

DWR’s Agricultural Stakeholders Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 11, in Sacramento, to review comments submitted for the draft Guidebook to Assist the Agricultural Water Suppliers to Prepare a 2012 Ag Water Management Plan. When available, the agenda and other meeting details will be posted here. The comment period for the guidebook ends Monday, Oct. 1.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be hosting a webinar next month to show how solar energy can be used effectively at water and wastewater utilities. The 90-minute presentation will be Thursday, Oct. 11. It will include various types of solar technologies, funding options and details on the solar installation at a water utility in Massachusetts. Registration is free.

The California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) has issued a report, Big Data, Big Future, which looks at integrating and analyzing unprecedented amounts of information that are becoming available. The report includes a section on CCST’s effort to determine how scientific advancements can be used to improve California’s integrated water management. A chapter on integrated data and analysis was included in California Water Plan Update 2009.

There’s still time to participate in a water utility climate survey being conducted by the Water Utility Climate Alliance. It is looking for feedback from water utilities on the state of their climate adaptation planning. The online survey will be available through Friday, Sept. 28.

The latest edition of the Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) newsletter includes a look at the updated drought report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. There are also details on the EPA’s action plan for improving water quality in the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary. WestFAST is collaboration of 12 federal agencies with water management responsibilities.