Busy schedule for Nov. 20: Two Water Plan RMS workshops in one day

Revisions made to strategic plan for integrated regional water management

California IRWM initiative highlighted in AWRA case studies report

Final version of agricultural water management guidebook posted by DWR

CWC set to discuss and take comments on public benefits of water projects

WestFAST project will try to get state and federal agencies on the same page

Two resource management strategy (RMS) workshops for California Water Plan Update 2013 are on the schedule for Tuesday, Nov. 20. In the morning, a sediment RMS workshop will be held in Sacramento. After lunch, a workshop to review the second draft of the desalination RMS will be held at the same location. A webcast will be available.

After receiving feedback at the recent Water Plan plenary meeting, changes have been made to the developmental approach document for an integrated regional water management strategic plan. The updated version provides clarifications and introductory information. Workshops will be held early next year to set goals for the development process.

A report on the managing of water resources includes a chapter on the success of California’s integrated regional water management (IRWM) initiative. Case Studies in Integrated Water Resources Management: From Local Stewardship to National Vision has been published by the American Water Resources Association (AWRA). It credits IRWM with encouraging innovation at the local level, while requiring regions to work through a water management framework.

The final version of A Guidebook to Assist Agricultural Water Suppliers to Prepare a 2012 Agricultural Water Management Plan has been posted on the DWR website. The guidebook offers explanations and suggestions to help agricultural water suppliers comply with requirements of the California Water Code and the California Code of Regulations. Use of the book is not mandatory.

The California Water Commission (CWC) will discuss the public benefits of water projects at its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Sacramento. After the meeting, the commission will summarize and seek public comments on the discussion. The agenda and webcast details are available here.

The Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) has started a project to improve collaboration between state and federal agencies. The effort will include looking for ways to share water data in a common format. Details are available in the latest edition of the WestFAST News.