Cover story looks at DWR’s plan to reduce its carbon footprint

The cover story for this quarter’s DWR News magazine looks at some of the work being done to reduce the department’s carbon footprint. The article has details on the recently approved Climate Action Plan which was developed to help DWR reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. It also looks at the reduction goals set for 2020 and 2050.

CRWFS makes the case for expanding California’s water storage opportunities

The California Roundtable on Water and Food Supply (CRWFS) has released a report that makes the case for expanded approaches to storing water. From Storage to Retention: Expanding California’s Options for Meeting Its Water Needs emphasizes a range of opportunities for increasing retention of water in the landscape.

Applications being accepted for $21 million in water project grants

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is accepting applications for $21 million in water project grants. The WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for 2013 will provide funding for a variety of water projects, including those that address conservation or sustainability. The program is expected to fund 50 projects. The maximum award will be $1.5 million.

CRAE offers ideas for conservation incentives on private California land

A working set of guidelines for conservation incentives on private lands in California was posted this morning by the California Roundtable on Agriculture and the Environment (CRAE). Guidelines for Creating Effective Ecosystem Services Incentive Programs and Policy brings together best practices from key leaders in the field to help new efforts to serve the wide variety of needs in California.

Registration discount for watershed forum available until Saturday

The 2012 Statewide Watershed Management Forum will be held next month in Folsom. The two-day event on Dec. 12 and 13 will focus on collaborative opportunities to manage California’s river basins. A reduced registration fee will be available until Saturday, Nov. 17. The final agenda will be posted by Dec. 1.

EPA provides summary for workshop on water and the U.S. economy

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has posted a summary of a recent technical workshop related to a study called The Importance of Water to the U.S. Economy. One of the goals of the workshop was to launch a broader discussion of information needed to support economic decisions related to water. Workshop presentations can be downloaded from the EPA website.