Wednesday’s Update
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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

Urban Stakeholder Committee meeting next week to discuss SBX7-7

DWR’s Urban Stakeholder Committee will meet Wednesday, Jan. 30, in Sacramento, to discuss a number of issues related to Senate Bill X7-7 baselines and targets. There will also be consideration of possible revisions to target method 4. The link to meeting details, webinar information and the agenda are available here.

BMS/GRanTS ready to accept Proposition 84 grant applications

DWR has opened the online application process for the Proposition 84 Implementation Round 2 Proposal Solicitation Package. The applications must be submitted electronically using the Bond Management System/Grants Review and Tracking System (BMS/GRanTS). The deadline is Friday, March 29.

Searching for a balance between water conservation and declining utility revenues

The Alliance for Water Efficiency has released a report looking at how conservation programs have affected water sales and utility revenues. Both categories are down, due, in part, to conservation efforts. Declining Water Sales and Utility Revenues: A Framework for Understanding and Adapting looks at ways to encourage conservation while providing utilities with the resources to meet the rising costs of delivery and infrastructure maintenance.

Series of webinars will help develop salt and nutrient management plans

Next month, the Groundwater Resources Association of California will begin a series of webinars on the development of salt and nutrient management plans. The first webinar will be Wednesday, February 13. It will look at the elements of the state’s recycled water policy that encourage regions in California to put together a salt and nutrient management plan by next year.

Summit provides insight on climate change and California agriculture

The California Climate and Agriculture Network will host a summit on Thursday, Feb. 21, at UC Davis, to look at farming for the future. It will include presentations on climate change challenges and opportunities for California agriculture. Online registration is available.

SCEWRI symposium will look at climate change effects on California hydrology

On Thursday, March 7, the Sacramento Chapter of the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (SCEWRI) will hold a symposium on the ways climate change is affecting California’s hydrologic baseline. Presentations will look at regulatory compliance, long-term planning and other challenges facing water managers. The deadline to order tickets is Thursday, Feb. 28.

Click on links below for more information.

Upcoming Meetings
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