Wednesday’s Update

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The second web seminar in the Groundwater Resources Association’s (GRA’s) series on salt and nutrient management plans will be Wednesday, May 15. This installment will look at developing a management plan for both urban and agricultural areas. The GRA’s website has the seminar agenda, speaker bios, a registration link and other information.

The Public Advisory Committee will meet next week to discuss the financial planning framework for California Water Plan Update 2013. The committee will also hear a presentation from the California Department of Conservation on hydraulic fracturing in the state. The meeting will be Thursday, May 2, in Sacramento.

The Natural Resources Defense Council and the organization American Rivers have put together a guide to help states prepare for the water-related effects of climate change. Getting Climate Smart: A Water Preparedness Guide for State Action includes a top-10 list of strategies that are cost-effective and flexible. Highlights of the guide will be covered during a one-hour webinar on Tuesday, May 14.

DWR has released its draft funding recommendation notice for the Proposition 50 Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation Package. Approximately $23.9 million in grant funding was requested for 54 proposed projects. DWR has approximately $15 million available for this solicitation. A public workshop on the draft will be Thursday, May 9, in Sacramento. The recommendation notice includes details on the workshop, the ranking of the proposed projects and instructions on submitting public comments.

The Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program’s Public Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, April 30, in Sacramento. The agenda will center on work scope modifications and funding for GAMA’s Priority Basin Project. Meeting details, WebEx instructions and contact information are available here.

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