The Mountain Counties Regional Forum for California Water Plan Update 2013 will be held as a webinar and conference call on Thursday, June 20. There will be an overview and discussion of the draft Mountain Counties Regional Report to be included in the Water Plan. The webinar link, phone number and access code are available on the agenda.

Web-a-thon wrap-up session is on the calendar for July 9

Save the date, Tuesday, July 9, for a wrap-up session on this month’s Objectives/Actions Web-A-Thon. As details come available they will be posted on the Water Plan’s calendar. The web-a-thon will be June 13 and 14. It will cover each of the 17 objectives outlined in the implementation chapter of the Water Plan. Each objective will have a one-hour webinar during the two-day session.

Two water quality sites moved to new web addresses

Two water quality websites are in new locations. The California Water Monitoring Council and My Water Quality have been moved to new areas within the California Environmental Protection Agency website. My Water Quality is a web portal with water quality data from throughout the state.

USGS report takes a look at groundwater depletion across the country

A report from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) describes how the nation’s aquifers are being drawn down. Groundwater Depletion in the United States (1900-2008) evaluates long-term cumulative depletion in 40 aquifers, including the Central Valley and several other areas of California. It found the national rate of groundwater depletion jumped about 1950, with the highest rates occurring from 2000 to 2008.

Committee will look at water quality and supply in California forests

CAL FIRE’s Fire and Resource Assessment Steering Committee will meet Thursday, July 11, in Davis, to discuss water quality and supply in the state’s forests and rangelands. The meeting will kick-off an effort to frame a scientific basis for examining water resources in those areas of California. The list of panelists and webcast information are available on the agenda.