DWR workgroup looking at strategies to help maintain agriculture in the Delta

Cattle grazing and clean water both find a place in national forests

Shasta Dam draft plans placed online, ready for public comment

DWR posts lists of awards and recommendations for Proposition 84 funding

New location for meeting on water quality and supply in California forests

Water commission to receive presentation on hydraulic fracturing

A DWR workgroup is starting a new phase in the development of a discussion paper on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Delta farmland. The Agricultural Land Stewardship Workgroup is looking at strategies to help maintain agricultural and economic viability in the Delta. Details are available in the draft executive summary. Results from one of the most comprehensive studies of water quality on public grazing lands in national forests are available from an online journal. A team that included researchers from UC Davis found that cattle grazing and clean water can coexist on national forest lands. The study included samples from five national forests in Northern California.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is accepting public comments on a draft environmental impact statement that looks at several plans to modify Shasta Dam near Redding. The changes are designed to increase water supply and improve the fish population on the upper Sacramento River. The draft documents and contact information are available here. The comment deadline is Monday, Sept. 30.

DWR has awarded more than $4.7 million in Proposition 84 funding to 26 public agencies for groundwater projects. The list of agencies and a map of project locations is available on the Local groundwater Assistance Grant Program website. Also, a list of funding recommendations for local flood emergency response projects has been posted on the DWR website. Under Proposition 84, up to $5 million is available to public agencies with primary responsibility for flood emergency response.

A new location has been chosen for this week’s meeting of California’s Forest and Range Steering Committee. It will be held tomorrow, July 11, in McClellan. Details are available in the agenda. It includes a discussion on the water quality and water supply in the state’s forests and rangelands.

A presentation on hydraulic fracturing is on the agenda for next week’s meeting of the California Water Commission. The commissioners will also get a look at a case study on the public benefits of a proposed water storage project. The meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, in Sacramento. A webcast will be available.