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.

**Update 2013 Public Review Draft Special Edition**

First Water Plan volume released as public review draft becomes available

Today marks the release of the public review draft for *California Water Plan Update 2013*. The content reflects input received from extensive collaboration with hundreds of stakeholders and dozens of state agencies. The Water Plan is organized in five volumes. The first three will be released this month. They will all be discussed at the Water Plan plenary meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 29 and 30, in Sacramento.

**Volume 1: The Strategic Plan.** This volume is being released today. It provides an overview of the current water issues and obstacles in California.

**Volume 2: Regional Reports.** Twelve regional reports make up this volume. They include California’s 10 hydrologic regions. Current issues and challenges, as well as water management opportunities, are discussed for each region.

**Volume 3: Resource Management Strategies.** This volume contains 30 types of strategies for improving water quality, water supply reliability, flood management, and ecosystem assets.

**Volume 4: Reference Guide.** Will be released with the final report.

**Volume 5: Technical Guide.** Will be released with the final report. A navigation guide for the Water Plan is available online.

The release of each volume will be followed by a 45-day comment period. Details on the various methods for submitting comments are available in a reviewer’s guide developed specifically for the Water Plan. Reviewers are encouraged to use Adobe Reader’s Sticky Notes for submitting comments.

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45-day comment period for each volume, reviewer’s guide offers help with submissions

Executive summary details the Water Plan’s roadmap for action

The release of volume 1 includes an executive summary. It details the purpose of the Water Plan as a roadmap that informs legislative action, as well as planning and decision-making. While the Water Plan doesn’t create mandates, it does provide a roadmap for action toward sustainable water management in California.