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.

**Biodiversity council will focus on improving agency alignment**

The next meeting of the California Biodiversity Council will look at ways to strengthen agency alignment, including opportunities that exist during the current drought. It will be Tuesday, April 15, at UC Davis. Online registration is available.

**ARB opens comment period for scoping plan’s draft environmental analysis**

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is accepting public comments on a draft environmental analysis that is part of a proposed update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan. The update defines ARB’s goals for the next five years and will set the groundwork for long-term goals. Instructions for submitting comments by the April 24 deadline are available here.

**New report details stakeholder input on strategic plan for IRWM in California**

The stakeholders have spoken, and now their input on the Strategic Plan for the Future of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) in California is available in a new report. The input was gathered during a series of recent workshops throughout the state. The information will be incorporated into a draft version of the plan, which is expected this summer.

**Collaborative approaches for the Delta Plan on agenda for DSC**

This week’s meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will focus on collaborative approaches to implementing the Delta Plan. One item will look at ways integrate jobs and housing with transportation to be consistent with the plan. The two-day meeting will be tomorrow and Friday, March 27 and 28, in West Sacramento.

**LAO looks at management of groundwater resources, offers recommendations**

California’s Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) has produced a report, Improving Management of the State’s Groundwater Resources. The report makes several recommendations, including establishing a system for standardizing extraction data from groundwater wells. The data could then be incorporated into the California Water Plan.

**Central Valley Project report looks at strategies for dealing with climate change**

The final report on the Central Valley Project Integrated Resource Plan has been released by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. It looks at strategies for dealing with potential climate change impacts on water supplies in the Central Valley Project service area. Details are available in this news release.