Water will be in the spotlight during this year’s California Native American Day celebration at the state capitol. The theme for the Sept. 26 event is “Water is Sacred.” The day will include cultural performances and displays by traditional artists.

A presentation on California Water Plan Update 2013 will be included in the annual conference for the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. DWR’s Paul Massera will be part of a breakout session on the future of water management in the state. The conference will be Nov. 12-15, in Ventura.

The latest figures from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) say Californians use an estimated 38 billion gallons of water a day. The number is part of a report on water usage in 2010. The largest portion of the water (61 percent) went to irrigation. The USGS publishes national water use estimates every five years.

A series of 10 meetings will be held in the coming weeks to help with preparation and coordination for California’s coming flood season. Each session will be an opportunity to meet flood response partners and learn about emergency plans. The meetings will be held across the state beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16, in Ventura. The full schedule and contact information are available in this flier.

The U.S. Forest Service is preparing an announcement of its intent to develop an environmental impact statement that will be used to revise forest plans. The plans cover the Sierra, Sequoia, and Inyo national forests. Details will be discussed at three public meetings. The first will be Sept. 15, in Fresno. Others will be held in Porterville and Bishop.

California’s Division of Boating and Waterways has published the application for this year’s Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program. The funding is earmarked for education, monitoring, and management projects that prevent the infestation of mussels. Approximately $2.5 million in grants is available.