Another element of California Water Plan 2013 has been added to the list of items posted online. The Update 2013 glossary is available for the first time this week. It contains the terms used in the report, as well as additional terms related to water resources. The glossary can be downloaded from the Update 2013 Web site.

A discussion on monitoring forest indicators will be part of the next U.S. Forest Service dialog on the future of the Sierra Nevada and Cascades. The goal is to discuss needs, trends and options for monitoring forest health and productivity to support adaptive management of national forests. The dialog will be Thursday, Jan. 22, in Sacramento.

Setting water rates that create revenue stability and promote conservation can be a delicate balance for water utility managers. Ideas for striking that balance will be discussed at two workshops next month. They will be Jan. 15, in San Francisco, and Jan. 28, in Los Angeles. Details are available in a flier that can be downloaded from the Alliance for Water Efficiency Web site.

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council has released its first audit on the effectiveness of A Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California that was developed in 2010. The strategy includes recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of California’s water quality monitoring and assessment systems. The audit finds that full implementation of the strategy will require a culture shift that integrates the council’s strategy into the very fabric of how California’s public agencies do business.