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DWR Hosts Plenary Meeting on Water Plan Update

SACRAMENTO -- A two-day meeting in Sacramento this week will advance the process of preparing California Water Plan Update 2013.

Published at five-year intervals by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the California Water Plan provides a comprehensive report on water supply, demand and management in California. The plan is an authoritative document and data source for water managers and agencies, researchers and analysts, academics and members of the public.

The 2013 plan will provide updated strategic water resource management information, new information on water finance plans and detailed data on California's hydrologic regions. Water supply, environmental stewardship, climate change, water storage, water conservation, and technology are among dozens of topics to be included in the update.

Key water experts will speak at the meetings, set for Wednesday and Thursday, October 26-27, at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, beginning Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. and Thursday at 8 a.m.

Kamyar Guivetchi, PE, Manager of Statewide Integrated Water Management for DWR, will welcome attendees with remarks at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

Tim Quinn, Executive Director of the California Association of Water Agencies (ACWA), will give the opening session's Keynote Address at 11 am. Wednesday.

Special presentations Wednesday afternoon will be given on groundwater by a panel including Abdul Khan and Dan McManus of DWR, on Climate Change, by a group including John Andrew and Elissa Lynn of DWR, and on the Draft Delta Plan by Keith Coolidge, Executive Manager for External Affairs, Delta Stewardship Council.

DWR Director Mark Cowin will address the attendees at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. Cowin's remarks will be preceded by a briefing on FloodSAFE California and the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, by Mike Mierzwa of DWR's Division of Flood Management.

Drafted by staff members from DWR and several other state agencies, the water plan update evolves into a final document through an extensive review by stakeholders, water analysts, tribes, representatives of water, environmental and public agencies. Over months of study, the update is shaped and influenced through extensive input and presentations received from experts, researchers and the public.

A Water Plan Update 2013 Brochure will be distributed at the October 26-27 meeting. Persons wishing to electronically track 2013 Update developments may do so by visiting DWR's California Water Plan website at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov or the Water Plan eNews link at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/enews

Meetings, regional forums and plenary group sessions will be held regularly as Update 2013 is developed. A public review draft of Update 2013 is expected to be released in spring 2013. Members of the public will then comment on the draft plan contents. The final draft is scheduled for publication at the end of 2013.

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