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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.

Three Water Plan meetings planned before the end of the year

Three meetings for California Water Plan Update 2013 will be held before the end of the year. On Friday, Dec. 9, the Tribal Advisory Committee will meet in Sacramento. The agenda will focus on integrated regional water management and work group discussions. The Public Advisory Committee and the Finance Caucus will meet in Sacramento on Monday, Dec. 12.

DWR makes final phase of CASGEM program available online DWR has released the final phase of the online system for the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program. The system gives the public access to groundwater elevation information from throughout the state. Local entities that have



agreed to monitor groundwater must begin submitting data by Jan. 1.

WestFAST offers help in coordinating with federal agencies on water issues

The Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) is a collaboration of 11 federal agencies with water management responsibilities. It supports the Western States Water Council and the Western Governors Association in coordinating federal efforts regarding water resources. More details on WestFAST are available in this fact sheet and in its 2011 work plan.



Webinar offers look at findings on stream flows and water efficiency Three organizations will be hosting a webinar Wednesday, Dec. 7, to discuss the findings of their Water Efficiency for Instream Flow project. The Alliance for Water Efficiency, American Rivers and the Environmental Law Institute looked at examples of water conservation efforts that contributed to augmenting stream flows. The information was analyzed to determine the benefits of taking similar action in the Colorado River Basin. Details are available in this news release.

DFG and CFGC take steps toward developing a strategic vision

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the California Fish and Game Commission (CFGC) are in the process of developing a strategic vision. The first draft of potential recommendations for achieving that vision has been released for public review. Details are available in this news release. A series of public meetings on the draft document will be held in December.

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