

ANNOUNCEMENT

The first DWR South Coast Regional Forum on Water Planning and Management is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Forum will use a webinar format, with satellite locations for in-person attendance.

The Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with local entities and organizations, is holding a Regional Forum to gather and share information relating to the California Water Plan and statewide and local Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). The agenda includes collecting feedback on local conditions and priorities that will help inform statewide investments.

Representatives of water agencies and collaboratives; local, state, Tribal and federal government; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are welcome and needed for successful dialog.

Information on Forum details

Meeting information will be posted online at <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=jun2311> and will include the agenda, webinar link, and conference call number. Presentations, handouts and satellite locations will be posted as they are available.

The agenda items for this Forum will focus on DWR programs, with updates and discussion on the Water Plan Regional Reports and topic-based caucuses (including the groundwater, finance and sustainable indicators caucuses) and a status update regarding information on IRWM efforts.

Background

This Forum is part of a new regional approach for discussing water issues and management strategies. The concept evolved from the Regional Workshops that supported Update 2009 of the California Water Plan. Those workshops focused on developing the Water Plan Regional Reports, which described local conditions and activities related to water and flood planning and management. The Update 2009 South Coast hydrologic region report is available at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/0310final/v3_southcoast_cwp2009.pdf

NOTE: This is a large PDF (21.6 MB) and will take a while to download!

During the Update 2009 workshops, stakeholders encouraged DWR to consolidate outreach efforts for their various programs and to coordinate outreach with other State agencies. As a result, DWR introduced a new approach for coordinated regional outreach at a public workshop in July 2010 and through two webinars in February 2011.

Information on this new regional outreach approach was shared through the California Water Plan eNews, IRWM and FloodSAFE and regional email lists, inviting local stakeholders to become involved and help plan the Regional Forums for the various hydrologic regions throughout the State. As a result, representative stakeholders from the South Coast region are helping to plan the South Coast Forums and are assisting with local outreach.

Several South Coast Forums will likely be held each year, with agendas focused on specific water related programs associated with DWR and other agencies.