CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009
SAN JOAQUIN RIVER REGIONAL WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with 20 other State agencies, invites you to participate in a series of regional public workshop to gather and share information about the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan (CWP) Update 2009. The CWP is California's strategic plan for water and covers topics such as water uses, water supply, water quality, regional conditions, regional water planning and flood management, and options for improving water management.

The San Joaquin River regional workshop will be held in **Merced** on **Thursday, May 7, 2009** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the UC Cooperative Extension at **2145 Wardrobe, Merced**, CA 95341. A draft workshop agenda is available online at, http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr2009

Representatives of: water agencies and associations; local, state, and federal governments; California Native American Tribes; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are strongly encouraged to attend.

This workshop is part of the public outreach to discuss water issues and management strategies in the San Joaquin River hydrologic region for inclusion in the Water Plan's regional reports. The workshops will highlight the Public Review Draft for Update 2009, along with the Regional Report for the area, and other Statewide water-related initiatives. At the workshops, specific input will be sought regarding:

- public comment on the Public Review Draft of Update 2009
- local and regional activities, issues, and water management strategies

*****IMPORTANT:** To assure adequate seating, kindly RSVP to Jacqueline Smith at (559) 230-3333 or jlsmith@water.ca.gov. A **working lunch** is scheduled and will be provided by a local restaurant for $10. **RSVPs are needed by May 4th** for lunch arrangements and payment can be made by cash (preferable) or check the day of the workshop. Receipts will be provided.*******

Eleven other regional workshops will be held across the State during April and May of 2009. Additional details and region-specific agendas for these other workshops will be posted and available at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/regional/workshops/index.cfm,

Additional information about the 2009 Update of the California Water Plan is available online at: www.waterplan.water.ca.gov . Available materials include schedules and agendas (as they become available) for these regional workshops, other meetings, and contact information. Other opportunities to provide input for the Water Plan include regional forums, public plenary meetings, statewide advisory committee meetings, and Statewide Water Analysis Network technical workshops.