

Announcement for North Coast Regional Forum

The first North Coast Regional Forum on water conditions and water planning takes place on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The meeting materials will be posted online, as they become available at:

www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr1713.

Please RSVP for the Forum by using the following link:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/NC-ForumRSVP.

The California Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with local entities and organizations, is sponsoring a Regional Forum to share information relating to the California Water Plan and to gather information on regional water conditions, planning efforts and projects. There are meeting locations in **Eureka, Fort Bragg, Santa Rosa, Weaverville and Yreka** with webinar options listed on the agenda. Options for a **Tule Lake** location are also being discussed. See below for more details!

Why Participate?

The Forum agenda focuses on discussing local and regional water priorities, programs, conditions and challenges. This information will help develop the Water Plan Update 2013 North Coast Regional Report, which tells the water story for the region. An Executive Summary of the Regional Report will be included in the Water Plan Highlights document - capturing key elements of strategic water planning issues, priorities and recommendations.

By April 3rd, an initial **working draft of the 2013 Regional Report** will be posted on the meeting webpage listed above. This preliminary draft contains highlighted placeholder text on topics that will be further developed. During the Forum, almost 4 hours are dedicated to hearing local perspectives on water conditions, along with a working session to help refine the initial draft for the Regional Report.

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

Forum Locations and Details

Forum locations include the Ag Center in Eureka, Trinity County Public Utility District in Weaverville; Sonoma County Office of Education in Santa Rosa/Windsor, Fort Bragg Town Hall, and Holiday Inn Express in Yreka. Locations are also being identified for Fort Bragg and Tule Valley. The webpage at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr1713 contains addresses for the meeting locations, as well as the agenda and meeting materials.

The agenda items for this Forum will focus on DWR programs, with discussion on the Water Plan Regional Reports and updates on the topic-based caucuses. There is also a status update regarding the Flood Future Report Highlights and other programs. The primary focus will be the description of local conditions related to water resources and planning.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact: Mary Randall, DWR Regional Coordinator, at mary.randall@water.ca.gov or 530-528-7407 or Judie Talbot, Forum Logistics Support, at talbot.judie@gmail.com or 775-720-0214.