

ANNOUNCEMENT

First DWR Sacramento River Regional Forum on Water Planning and Management

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, integrated water management, flood planning and water related efforts. This includes collecting feedback on local conditions and priorities that will help inform statewide investments.

The Forum will be held in Colusa on June 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Colusa Indian Community is hosting the event at the Community Center located at 3730 Highway 45 in Colusa. We strongly encourage everyone to attend this first Forum in person but we will experiment with a concurrent webinar to encourage participation for those unable to travel or located in more remote areas of the region.

Representatives of water agencies and collaboratives; local, state and federal government; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are welcome and needed for successful dialog. Please **bring your business cards** and plan on networking and making connections during the break and before and after the Forum!

The **agenda** is online at: www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=jun0211. To assure seating, **kindly RSVP** to Mary Randall at (530) 528-7407 or mrandall@water.ca.gov by Friday, May 27, 2011.

The agenda items for this Forum will focus on DWR programs, including updates and discussion on the Water Plan (including Regional Reports and topic-based caucuses), and Integrated Regional Water Management (including updates on local 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 Sacramento River hydrologic region report is available at http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/0310final/v3_sacramentoriver_cwp2009.pdf.

NOTE: This is a large PDF (9.2 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 Sacramento River region are helping to plan the Sacramento River Forums and are assisting with local outreach.

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