

ANNOUNCEMENT:
Future Scenario Planning Workshop & Regional Forum on Integrated Water Management
TULARE LAKE Hydrologic Region

The Department of Water Resources and local partners will sponsor **two events** on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012** in support of local Integrated Water Management efforts.

- The **morning** will feature a **workshop** (from 9 a.m. – noon) on planning for an uncertain future. This workshop will describe an analytical framework to evaluate the performance of regional resource management strategies under alternative future scenarios. Input will be sought on local priorities and policies that inform the modeling assumptions.
- A **Regional Forum** will be held in the **afternoon** (from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.) to gather and share information relating to the California Water Plan, the ACWA Groundwater Program, and the DWR Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program. The agenda includes collecting feedback on local priorities that will help inform statewide investments.

Both the workshop and Forum will involve **in-person meeting** locations throughout the Tulare Lake Region including: Bakersfield - Kern County Water Agency Board Room, 3200 Rio Mirada; Fresno - Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges; Hanford- Kings County Board Chambers, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd,; and Tulare/Visalia – to be determined. **Webinar options** are also available. See the respective webpages, below, for agendas, webinar links, and conference call numbers.

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

Workshop: Planning for an Uncertain Future in California's Regions

Workshop participants will help inform how regional strategies will be characterized in Update 2013 by:

- Providing advice on the policy considerations relevant to evaluating regional resource management strategies in light of many future risks and uncertainties
- Identifying key regional assumptions to guide the technical analysis to plan for an uncertain future
- Describing success for your region in terms of meeting future water management objectives.

Go to the January 17th date at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/calendar/calendar.cfm for more.

Forum Details

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 and sustainable indicators caucuses) and a status update regarding **IRWM efforts**. Another feature is an overview of the **ACWA Groundwater Program** and a recap of the **Future Scenarios Planning Workshop**. For more information, go to: www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=jan1712.

ACWA Groundwater Efforts

A key element of the Forum is a presentation on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Groundwater Management Survey. The survey will update information on groundwater management activities and constraints throughout the State. The discussion will also highlight elements of the ACWA Groundwater Framework Implementation Plan. The survey is online at: www.acwa.com/groundwater_survey. For more information contact Danielle Blacet, ACWA Senior Regulatory Advocate, at danielleb@acwa.com or [916-441-4545](tel:916-441-4545).