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CALENDAR ALERTS

- Sept 3-6** Floodplain Management Association Annual [Conference](#), San Diego
Sept 16 DWR Climate Change [Summit](#), Sacramento
Sept 21 Delta Waterway [Cleanup](#), 9:00 am - noon

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KEEPING UP

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DWR Files Appeal to FEMA for Oroville Repair Funding

After FEMA notified DWR in March 2019 that not all of the repair work on the Oroville Dam spillway damaged in the February 2017 storms is eligible for [federal reimbursement](#), CalOES filed an appeal on DWR's behalf. DWR's reimbursement request totals \$1.1 billion, but FEMA has only approved reimbursement for \$337.4 million.

Levee Improvement Combined with Habitat Restoration Equals Greater Flood Protection

After years of aggressive floodfighting and evacuations during high water events, [Hamilton City](#) will finally have a higher level of flood protection thanks to a 6.8-mile setback levee and 1,500 acres of new riparian habitat.

Secretary Crowfoot Promotes Floodplains to Benefit Fish

A [video](#) is available of presentation by Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot on benefits to fish from utilization of floodplains. He was joined by a panel discussing the habitat projects.

Drones Are New High-Tech Tool for Flood Managers

Staff with the Sacramento District of the USACE has completed training to pilot a new Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), otherwise known as a [drone](#). Weighing less than six pounds, the drone can fly up to 26 miles per hour for up to 45 minutes, making it capable of covering approximately 124 miles.

Grand Jury Raises Concerns Over Transfer of West Sacramento Levee Authority

In response to a citizen complaint regarding a proposal by the City of West Sacramento to assume reclamation district flood

DELTA DOWNLOAD

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State Reconsidering Restoration Plan for Franks Tract

After Delta residents and businesses strongly objected to a plan by the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to restore Franks Tract to tidal marshland habitat, the state is holding a series of public meetings to hear [local concerns](#) and ideas for an alternative restoration plan. Although the original \$315 million restoration project intended to reduce both saltwater intrusion and invasive species (plants and fish), the plan to construct an internal berm that would block access to False and Sacramento Rivers did not sit well with residents, boaters, fishermen, and nearby businesses. Local attendees also expressed concerns about potential flood threat and the project is a preliminary component of the WaterFix tunnel project.

Yolo Bypass Habitat Restoration Project Heading To Construction

DWR and USBR released Final EIR/EIS for the Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Project. The Notice of Determination was [signed and filed](#) with the State Clearinghouse on July 19, 2019, with construction anticipated to start in 2021. However, before construction can begin there is [additional design and permitting](#) that must be completed and there are also significant preliminary real estate transactions that must occur first, including paying for additional easements from landowners in order to inundate their property on a more frequent and longer duration than currently occurs. The project involves the construction of a new headworks structure on the Fremont Weir, a new outlet channel, and downstream channel improvements. A new [Data Viewer](#) is publicly accessible that provides [hydrodynamic modeling](#) results and maps for any assessor parcel in the Yolo Bypass.

LEGISLATIVE LATEST

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AB 137 Introduced to Prevent Homeless Campsites on Levees

Recent news stories showed [homeless encampments](#) digging into side of levee and putting nearby people and homes at risk. However, a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that declared camping in public places cannot be prohibited in areas with inadequate shelter beds for homeless. At the end of June, Assemblyman Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove) amended his [Assembly Bill 137](#) to [protect levees](#) in the Central Valley from damaging effects of temporary encampments. Sponsored by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the legislation was [amended](#) a couple of days later to make it a misdemeanor to live or camp on levee structures.

Legislative Efforts to Eradicate Destructive Nutria

The State Budget included an additional \$2 million to battle intrusion of [Nutria](#) into the Central Valley. The new funding will allow the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to hire staff and deploy eradication methods that have been successful in other states. Assemblyman Quirk also introduced [Assembly Joint Resolution 8](#) to encourage Congress to add California to the Nutria Eradication Act and appropriate \$4 million to aid control activities.

In Congress, four California Representatives introduced [H.R. 3399](#) to [reauthorize](#) the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 and direct \$7 million in [funding](#) to assist efforts in the [Central Valley](#).

Governor Appoints Water Officials

DWR Director Karla Nemeth and Chief Deputy Director Cindy Messer were both [reappointed](#) by Governor Newsom. Both positions are actively involved in developing the Governor's [water resiliency portfolio](#) and voluntary agreements for implementation of an updated Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Chuck Bonham was also reappointed as Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

IN THE NEWS

(Clicking the links will take you to news organization websites, where you can read the full stories. CCVFCA is not responsible for content on these external sites.)

- [Legislators Join In Nutria Battle](#) - Escalon Times
- [Despite water levels, spillway release 'unlikely'](#) - Oroville MR
- [Atmospheric rivers drive local sea-level rise](#) - Physics World
- [Atmospheric rivers getting warmer along U.S. West Coast](#) - Phys.Org

- [\\$24.6 Billion National Flood Insurance Program Debt Explained in One Chart](#) - California Water Blog
- [What are the flood risks for Vina, Gerber areas? Project finds out to strengthen protection](#) - Red Bluff Daily News
- [Sacramento District's Hamilton City project combines flood management with ecosystem restoration](#) - US Army Corp
- [Yolo Bypass gateway project to offer future benefit along Putah Creek](#) - Daily Republic
- [Five Most Fascinating L.A. Dams, Where Disasters Struck and Catastrophes Were Averted](#) - KCET
- [Top of Oroville Dam to reopen](#) - Chico ER
- [Records set as California's rainfall season comes to a close](#) - ABC 10
- [A rainfall year in review: How has water shaped up for Sacramento and Northern California?-](#) Sac Bee
- [South American rodent threatening Delta](#) - Daily Republic
- [Slap and go](#) — Sacramento News & Review
- [The Yolo Bypass: It's a Floodplain! It's Farmland! It's an Ecosystem!](#) - PPIC
- [Legislation for removal of abandoned commercial vessels sailing forward](#) - The Press
- [Scripps study says California will get more rain from atmospheric rivers](#) - News 10 San Diego
- [Cal OES:Whom to Call, Where to Go When FEMA Can't Help](#) - Sierra Sun Times
- [Reducing Flood Risk on Elder Creek](#) - DWR
- [Lake Oroville Community Update: July 30, 2019](#) - DWR
- [California's future weather will alternate between drought and atmospheric rivers, study says](#) - SF Gate
- [Never mind those earthquakes: Atmospheric rivers could put Sacramento 30 feet under water](#) - Sacramento Bee
- [How Flood Insurance and Endangered Species Are Connected](#) - The Levee was Dry
- [Faster Water Cycle Brings Worries of Increased Drought and Flooding in the United States](#) - The Weather Channel
- [US has its wettest 12 months on record - again](#) - NOAA
- [More Extreme Wet, Dry Seasons on the Horizon in California](#) - Government Technology
- [Let Rivers Flood: Communities Adopt New Strategies for Resilience](#) - The Revelator
- ['Floodier future' expected in Humboldt Bay, other coastal regions](#) - Redwood Times
- [California Funds Atmospheric River Research](#) - Water New Network
- [California bill would make levee encampments illegal](#) - KRCA
- [Work continues to reinforce Lathrop levees](#) - Manteca/Ripon Bulletin

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