

## CALENDAR ALERTS

### August 27-28

Delta Stewardship Council Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA. [Click here for more information.](#)

### August 28

Deadline to apply for FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Grants. Click [here for more information.](#)

### August 28

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting will be held at Sacramento City Hall Council Chambers Click [here for more information.](#)

### September 14

Deadline to submit Prop.1 [grant application](#) to Delta Conservancy for the \$9.3 million available for habitat restoration, water quality, and water-related agricultural sustainability. Questions about the grant should be directed to Amanda Bohl, [Amanda.Bohl@deltaconservancy.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.Bohl@deltaconservancy.ca.gov). An outline of project types and eligibility requirements is available on CCVFCA's [website](#).

### September 14

Deadline to comment on CVFPP's Draft Conservation Strategy The Draft Strategy, executive summary and all related appendices are available on DWR's website: [http://www.water.ca.gov/conservationstrategy/cs\\_new.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/conservationstrategy/cs_new.cfm).

### September 23

Infrastructure "Funding Fair," Sacramento County Sanitation, 10060 Goethe Rd, 8:30 am – Noon. Registration Required: <https://www.events.rcac.org/assnfe/ev.asp?MODE=&ID=497>

### October 13

San Joaquin Co. Preseason Flood Coordination meeting, 9:00-11:00 am, Cabral Center (SJC EOC), 2101 E. Earhart Ave, Assembly Room 3, Stockton. Click [here for meeting flyer](#)

### October 15

Sutter Region Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting, 9:00-11:30 am, Whiteaker Hall, 44 Second St, Yuba City.

### October 22

Sacramento Region Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting, 9:00-11:30 am, CVRWB, 11020 Sun Center Dr, Rancho Cordova

### October 30

Deadline has been extended 60 days to comment on BDCP's new Preferred Project and EIR/EIS recirculation for public review. Documents and information about the new alternatives and where to submit written comments will be available on BDCP's website: <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/2015PublicReview/PublicReviewRDEIRSDEIS/>

## FEATURED ASSOCIATE MEMBER



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## KEEPING UP

### Delta RDs Bear Burden of Proof to Receive Non-Project Levee Funding From State

At their July meeting the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC/Council) adopted a set of [Principles](#) and implementation considerations to provide guidance to consultants for the development of a Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS). Many of the Principles state the Council's pre-determined policies and priorities before the methodology for analyzing is completed, so tend to be pre-decisional rather than guidance, including Principle #10 below.

The Council held over Principle #10 and directed staff to revise and clarify confusing terminology regarding how many people and/or assets a non-project levee investment would need to protect in order to receive state funding. For Council's approval at the August meeting staff is recommending the following revised language for Principle #10: *"Reclamation districts seeking State funds for non-project levees have the burden to prove their contribution to the protection of people and/or property and the achievement of the coequal goals."*

The [staff report](#) states that this Principle will be "useful guidance for updating guidelines for programs that provide State funds for Delta levees." Staff's justification for adding this as a new requirement for receiving funding through the Delta Subventions Program for maintenance or rehabilitation of non-project levees is that DWR's Urban Flood Risk Reduction and Delta Levees Special Projects programs currently require explanation of how levee projects will meet those programs' particular guidelines.

The Delta Subventions Program is a Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) program, but the board has not submitted any official board comments on DLIS or on this particular Principle. However, the CVFPB has conducted one public workshop and Chairman Bill Edgar and board member Clyde Macdonald did provide testimony of their personal views at the June meeting which is available [here](#), which unfortunately do not necessarily align with the views of the Association and Delta RDs.

A summary of the Independent Science Review [Panel Report](#) critiquing the DLIS methodology and planning tool is also included in this staff report.

Next steps include workshops for stakeholders to demonstrate the DLIS tool and its metrics, with the intent to finalize a draft strategy and EIR by December 2015.

### DSC Scrutinizes San Joaquin County's Proposed Urban Levee Improvements and Development

The Delta Stewardship Council's (DSC/Council) meeting on [August 27-28](#) will include a discussion of elements in three different land use and levee projects proposed in San Joaquin County that DSC staff believe are inconsistent with Delta Plan Policy DP P1. Agenda [item #13](#) highlights DSC staff concerns regarding:

- San Joaquin Co. 2035 General Plan Update – conversion of agricultural land in six areas to commercial/industrial.
- Lower San Joaquin River Feasibility Report/DEIR/DEIS – SJAFCA flood protection project elements that induce urban development of agricultural lands.
- Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program Funding Recommendations – DWR funding guidelines necessary for certain RD 17/Lathrop levee improvements.

This agenda item is intended to update the Council on the staff's written comments and conversations with San Joaquin county flood control agencies on these projects and have the Council support the staff positions pursued so far and provide direction regarding their continued effort to seek revisions to these projects. If the Council ultimately finds that any of these projects, as "covered actions," are inconsistent with policies in the DSC Delta Plan, then the project may not proceed until it is revised to be consistent. The County, RD 17, and SJAFCA are working with DSC staff to ensure their projects are in fact consistent with the Delta Plan.

### Climate Change Planning Anticipates More Frequent Drought and Floods

Concerned with climate change stressing strained water resources even further, DWR's Climate Change Technical Advisory Group recently released their preliminary findings in a report: [Perspectives and Guidance for Climate Change Analysis](#). Global climate model selections appropriate for California water resources, planning for extreme conditions, and recommendations for future work are discussed. CalEPA also released [Climate Change Research Plan for California](#) report focusing on filling research gaps to help the state identify necessary mitigation and preparedness measures we should start taking now. In an effort to educate teachers about climate science, DWR is partnering with Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) to host two workshops next month: September 12<sup>th</sup> in [Redding](#) and September 19<sup>th</sup> in [Fresno](#).

## 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.)

### Drought causing river flooding in Santa Cruz

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/environment-and-nature/20150817/beach-lagoon-breached-to-alleviate-flooding>

### The hope and prayers for a wet El Nino to end the drought continue . . . .

- [SF Gate](#)
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