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CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

October 14-16

[Delta Independent Science Board Meeting](#) in Contra Costa, including tours of Iron House Sanitation District and Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project.

October 15

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

October 19-24

California Flood Preparedness Week. [Click here](#) for more information.

October 22

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

October 22-23

Delta Stewardship Council Meeting. Park Tower Plaza, 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Sacramento.

October 24

[Delta Flood Safety Fair](#), noon to 4:00 pm, Delta Farmer's Market, Hwy 12 & 160.

October 27

[Sustainable Groundwater Implementation technical session](#) for local public agencies, 1:00-4:00pm, 1001 I St, Coastal Hearing Room, Sacramento.

October 29

Public Workshop on Folsom Dam Water Control Manual Update, 9:00am-Noon, Sterling Hotel, 1300 H St., Sacramento. **Please RSVP by sending email to ssherry@ccp.csus.edu with a simple "YES," "NO" or "MAYBE."** Direct any questions regarding this workshop to [Cynthia Brooks](#), Senior Project Manager, Joint Federal Project, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (916) 557-6745. To review information previously provided on the Manual Update, [click here](#).

October 30

Deadline has been extended 60 days to comment on BDCP's new Preferred Project and EIR/EIS. Documents and information about the new alternatives and where to submit written comments available on BDCP's website:

<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/2015PublicReview/PublicReviewRDEIRSDEIS/>

November 6

[USACE Regulatory Program Workshop](#), 1:30-4:00 pm, 1325 J St, Rm 814, Sacramento. *Space limited, RSVP required to attend.*

November 9

[Deadline to submit comments](#) on [CA WaterFix 404 permit](#) application submitted by DWR to USACE for construction of new conveyance facilities in the Delta.

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KEEPING UP

CVFPB Adopts Guidance Policy for Consulting on Delta Levee Investment Strategy

At its September board meeting, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) adopted a [guidance policy](#) for their consultation with the Delta Stewardship in development of a Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS) pursuant to the 2009 Delta Reform Act (Water Code §85306).

The Board's Policy expresses support for a single statewide strategy for levee investment throughout the Central Valley, including the Delta, that considers the investment needs of both project (State-responsibility) and non-project (privately-owned) levees. The CVFPB asserts that the DSC's levee investment strategy must take into account all of the other public agencies with flood protection responsibilities in the Delta and ensure that implementation of the DLIS does not impede the authority of priorities, projects, goals, or legislative mandates of other State agencies. They also recommend the DSC's levee prioritization recommendations recognize the system-wide approach of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan's (CVFPP) adopted public policies, because the Delta is a subset of the larger flood control system. Therefore, DLIS should complement and supplement the policies adopted in the CVFPP, and avoid developing competing strategies.

Three primary themes, reflecting input provided by local flood control agency representatives, landowners, Delta Protection Commission, and Department of Water Resources at a public workshop in the Delta in July, are identified as guiding principles:

1. **Public Safety** – The Delta is the exit point for flood waters carried by a vast and complex flood control system, known as the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC), designed to protect people and property from damaging floods. The Board will view the DLIS through the lens of its public safety mission to improve flood risk management in the Central Valley.
2. **Risk Reduction** – There are extensive infrastructure and capital investment in the Delta, therefore DLIS should emphasize the need to protect State interests in infrastructure, prior levee investments made through Delta Subventions Program, critical public services, and environmental enhancement. The Board declares that the reduction of overall State liability is imperative, and therefore should be considered as a preferred option.
3. **Jurisdiction** – DLIS should factor in the existing legal and contractual obligations of the State, including the CVFPB as the non-federal sponsor of SPFC levees, and utilize the Board's regulatory authority to manage the SPFC and Delta Subventions Program.

The Board's guidance further recommends the development of a single State levee investment strategy that:

- Recognized there are existing plans and projects, such as the Delta Subventions Program, that have been successful at reducing the risk of flooding in the Delta;
- Considers existing policy and priorities, such as those contained in the CVFPP;
- Includes an analysis of those existing strategies and program as a baseline to discuss any recommended changes in Delta levee investments.

The CVFPB is currently collaborating with DSC on the possibility of scheduling a joint public workshop in February to achieve a greater level of coordination of DLIS with the Board's flood control responsibilities, authorities, programs, and liability.

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.)

El Nino Prompts Report, Flood Training and Preparedness

- [Will El Niño 'solve' drought? Not if the rain falls in Southern California](#) – The Sacramento Bee
- [Napa prepares for drought or deluge](#) - Napa Valley Register
- [If El Nino arrives; then what?](#) - Daily Democrat
- [Looming El Nino Prompts L.A. Swift Water Training](#) - Montrose-La Crescenta Patch
- [Thousands face El Niño damage, report warns](#) - San Diego Union Tribune

- [New forecast says El Niño could help Northern California, ease drought](#) - The Sacramento Bee
- [This year's El Niño still looks like a whopper](#)– SF GATE
- [Rain No Help For California Reservoirs](#) - Capital Public Radio
- [This El Nino, dubbed Bruce Lee, may be the strongest in recorded history](#) - Los Angeles Daily News
- [Mapping How an El Niño Winter Could Create Massive Flooding in Pasadena](#) - Curbed Los Angeles

East Coast Flooding Brings Misery

- [Relentless deluge brings flooding, misery to East Coast](#) - San Francisco Chronicle

SoCal Braces for First Storms of New Water Year as Flood Advisories Are Issued

- [Flood Advisories Issued As Storms Move Through Southern California](#) - KTLA 5
- [Flash flooding from intense storm closes Death Valley roads](#) - The Sacramento Bee
- [Rain lingers over inland and elevated Southern California](#) - The Sacramento Bee

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