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CALENDAR ALERTS

May 20 – Deadline to file Delta Plan appeal on Bethel Island levee improvement

June 25 – CA Extreme Precipitation [Symposium](#), ARC Conf. Ctr, UC Davis

Sept 3-6 – Floodplain Management Association's [annual conference](#), San Diego

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STORM WATCH

Inaugural Releases from New Oroville Main Spillway

With the forecast of April showers, DWR decided to [start releases](#) from the [reconstructed](#) Oroville Main Spillway for the [first time](#) since its collapse in February 2017. The initial releases were at 8,300 cfs on April 2nd and increased to 25,000 cfs by April 7th. The spillway was fortunately completed in time for the heavy precipitation and snowpack melt and when called upon it [performed as designed](#). With dry weather on the horizon, DWR [stopped releases](#) on April 10th. Sacramento and Feather River levels expected to rise as Keswick and Oroville Dams increase [reservoir releases](#) to comply with flood space requirements and [San Joaquin](#) reservoirs increases releases too. Fishing organizations raised [concerns](#) about downstream impacts to Feather River water surface levels from reduced Oroville releases.

State Bonds Sold for Oroville Repair

In mid-April the State Treasurer announced the sale of \$299.6 million in Department of Water Resources [revenue bonds](#) to fund capital improvements to the State Water Project, including a portion of the costs for the Oroville Dam Spillways Response, Recovery and Restoration Project. It is the responsibility of the State Water Contractors to pay back the cost of the revenue bonds.

KEEPING UP

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Yolo County to Study Levee Projects

Yolo County staff presented flood protection options for [Knights Landing](#) to County Supervisors. The town of about 1,000 people has flooded in the past when water backs up from the Yolo Bypass. Potential flood control projects for Clarksburg and Yolo communities to consider will be presented in the future.

New Dredge and Fill Regulations Adopted

On April 2, 2019 the State Water Resources Control Board [adopted](#) new [wetlands](#) definition and [regulations](#) that govern the [procedures](#) for [discharging](#) dredged or fill material into “waters of the state.” CCVFCA joined with other flood control agencies throughout the state to ensure that routine operation and maintenance of flood control facilities would be exempted from permitting and compensatory mitigation requirements. The new rules are scheduled to [take effect](#) next year.

Updating Reservoir Operations

The Yuba Water Agency and DWR announced a new [research project](#) with the San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography to evaluate storm and runoff forecasting. The research will provide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the information necessary to develop new storm-season operations that reduce flood risks for New Bullards Bar and Oroville Dams.

DELTA DOWNLOAD

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Consistency Certification Filed on Delta Levee Project

On April 18, 2019 the Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District filed a consistency [certification](#) with the Delta Stewardship Council for a [levee improvement](#) and seepage reduction project. The deadline for an appeal of the certification is May 20, 2019.

LEGISLATIVE LATEST

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Legislature Denies Increased Local Representation on DSC

[AB 1194](#) by Assemblyman Jim [Frazier](#), which proposed adding two Delta local representatives as voting members of the Delta Stewardship Council, [failed](#) in the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee on April 9th.

Secretary Crowfoot Confirmed

[Wade Crowfoot](#), who previously served as environmental advisor to former San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, was [confirmed](#) by the State Senate in early April to serve as the [Secretary](#) for Natural Resources Agency.

Former Westlands Water Lobbyist Confirmed as Interior Secretary

Despite ethics concerns raised during confirmation hearing, on [April 11th](#) the U.S. Senate [confirmed](#) David Bernhardt to oversee the country's public lands and resources as Secretary of the Interior. An attorney, the new Secretary previously represented Westland's Water District and the oil industry.

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.)

- [Gathering storm: What California must learn from the Midwest floods](#) - Calmatters
- [California's Monster Snow Year ... 'It's Been a Wild Ride'](#) - KQED
- [California Wants To Aim Lasers At Snowpack To Better Predict Runoff](#) - CBS Local
- [Sacramento Sheriff's department overcharged federal government for Folsom ...](#) - Sacramento Bee
- [California's Rebuilt Oroville Dam Spillway Open for First Time Since Collapse](#) - The Weather Channel
- [Rep. Jared Huffman becoming key Democratic leader on the environment](#) - Press Democrat
- [Plans to fix Strathmore creek were '90% complete' at time of last month's...](#) - Visalia Times Delta
- [THIS JUST IN ... DWR to open up Oroville Dam spillway at 11am **Updated...**](#) - Maven's Notebook
- [Drones, supercomputers and sonar deployed against floods](#) - SF Gate

- [North Chico residents irate over flooding issues](#) - Chico ER
- [States say half of wetlands would lose protection under EPA proposal](#) - KFGO
- [Fifteen AGs slam Trump move to limit federal authority under Clean Water Act](#) - Washington Post
- [Attorney General Becerra Tells EPA and Army Corps to Withdraw](#) - Sierra Sun Times
- [States are turning to data and interactive maps to help residents confront and manage flood risks](#) - EDF
- [Assemblymember Gray tours flood center, talks emergency preparedness](#) - Merced Sun Star
- [Yuba Water Agency approves \\$20,520 grant for ring levee](#) - Appeal-Democrat
- [Napa County still pressing for walls to protect 2,000 city properties](#) - Napa Valley Register
- [CA WATER COMMISSION: Stormwater Capture and Aquifer Recharge](#) - Maven's Notebook
- [Spectacular view of Yolo Bypass: What you should know about the vital flood control system](#) - Sacramento Bee
- [Lawmakers seek road map, justification for reorganization](#) - E&E News
- [Whitewater rafting season in the West looking 'epic'](#) -LA Times
- [Yuba Water Agency's unique sediment removal project earns reputable award](#) - ACWA
- [The Riggs Report: How NASA technology is supercharging California's snowpack data](#) - KCRA
- [CA WATER COMMISSION: Using flood water for Managed Aquifer Recharge](#) - Maven's Notebook
- [Progress seen in effort to eradicate nutria rodent from California](#) - CBS Local Sacramento
- [Atmospheric rivers: California could experience more intense rains in the future](#) - Yale Climate Connections
- [A push for better atmospheric river forecasting](#) - Appeal-Democrat
- [1 year and 410 nutria later, the war against California's giant swamp rats rages on](#) - SF Gate
- [Sites Project draws criticism from fishermem, tribes, conservation groups](#) - Trinity Journal
- [Editorial: FEMA failed to protect disaster survivors' data, but Congress has failed, too](#) - SF Chronicle
- [California's water infrastructure to be tested this spring as massive winter snowpack melts away](#) - SF Gate
- [To Rid California Of Rodents Of Unusual Size, State To Use Detection Dogs And 'Judas Nutria'](#) - Capital Public Radio
- [Water releases from Mother Lode reservoirs higher than normal to prepare for snowmelt](#) - Union Democrat
- [Oroville residents submit petition to 'hold DWR accountable' to federal agency](#) - Chico ER
- [Watching the water: Shasta County residents in flood- prone areas share their stories](#) - KRCR
- [Sacramento County gets FEMA money to raise homes in flood zones](#) - KCRA

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