

# **CCVFCA'S Flood Flash**

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# **CALENDAR ALERTS**

## <u>August 27-28</u>

Delta Stewardship Council Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA. <u>Click here for more information.</u>

#### August 28

Deadline to apply for FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Grants. Click <u>here for more information.</u>

#### 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, <u>Amanda.Bohl@deltaconservancy.ca.gov</u>. An outline of project types and eligibility requirements is available on CCVFCA's <u>website</u>.

#### September 14

Deadline to comment of CVFPP's Draft Conservation Strategy The Draft Strategy, executive summary and all related appendices are available on DWR's website: <u>http://www.water.ca.gov/conservationstrategy/</u>cs\_new.cfm.

#### September 23

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

#### 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 31

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/

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# **KEEPING UP**

## Flood Control Funding Bill Temporarily Paused

The Association sponsored introduction of AB 1061 earlier this year to allow the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) to retain and use the agricultural, oil and gas lease revenues from properties they own for ongoing flood control purposes, instead of reverting to the State General Fund. In order to allow time to comprehensively organize one hundred years of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board's (CVFPB) real property records, leases, and revenues, the Association has requested Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Chico) park AB 1061 in the Senate as a two-year bill to be pursued when the State Legislature resumes session in 2016.

## Science Panel Report on Levee Strategy is Critical, but Constructive

An Independent Science Panel convened by the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) recently released a report, <u>"Methodology and Scientific Basis to Support the Delta Levee Investment Strategy,"</u> with their findings and recommendations to improve the scientific approach and credibility of the methodology and planning tool being developed for the Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS).

The Panel cautions several times in the report that the premature release and application of the DLIS methodology and planning tool could lead to major credibility issues and greatly diminish the usefulness of the planning tool in the short and long term. Several overarching issues that require a substantial amount of improvement in order to be scientifically sound and ready for application are identified, and the DSC is urged to address all of the recommendations in Section 5 before releasing the methodology and planning tool for use. The Panel is scheduled to present their report at the August DSC meeting.

# **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.)

Internal memos by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE/Corps) appear to disavow support of recent regulations expanding federal jurisdiction and authority over "Water of the U.S," claiming the rules are "legally vulnerable" and "difficult to implement, therefore recommending leaving any responsibility for defending the new rules to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Office of Management and Budget. EPA and the USACE are facing legal challenges from 30 states so far, as well as nearly 20 businesses, agriculture and industry groups. <u>http://www.bna.com/support-documents-water-n17179933980/</u> More information on the "Clean Water Rule" is summarized in a June 29, 2015 report by the <u>Congressional Research Service</u>

## News Articles Continue to Keep the El Nino Dream Alive

- <u>The Tribune</u>
- Inland News Today
- io9 We Come from the Future
- <u>SF Gate</u>
- DailyMail.com
- KSBW
- White Plains Daily Voice

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