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CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

November 30

Deadline to comment on ["Safeguarding California: Implementing Action Plans"](#)

December 11

Dec 11 – Deadline to comment on draft [Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Guidelines](#) for allocation of funding for levee improvement projects.

December 17

Delta Stewardship [Council Meeting](#)

December 18

Central Valley Flood Protection Board [Meeting](#) 9:00am at Sacramento City Hall, 1st Floor Council Chambers, 915 I Street.

April 20-21

[CA Water Policy conference](#), UC Davis Conference Center.

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Disposal of Water Hyacinth Next to Levees Must Be Coordinated with Delta RDs

As part of its efforts to control the explosion of water hyacinth growth in the Delta that is choking channels and closing marinas, the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) recently sent letters to Delta landowners requesting right-of-way permission to remove and dispose of the aggressive weeds.

According to the DBW letter, mechanical removal is proposed during months when herbicide applications are not allowed. They plan to spread the hyacinth on authorized locations throughout the Delta to decompose naturally, which takes an estimated 1-3

weeks. Selected levees will be limited to areas with no or low habitat values for the Giant Garter Snake. DBW proposes using these properties 1-4 times during the year and the Temporary Entry Permits will also authorize access by their staff to periodically monitor the spoil sites.

[CCVFCA sent DBW a letter supporting hyacinth removal activities](#) and reminding them that reclamation districts or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board own the easement around all levees, and expressed concerns regarding the potential increase in maintenance costs if the dried seeds invade the district's drainage ditches. The Association offered assistance in facilitating coordination with Delta members to develop the terms and conditions to be applied for this project.

Army Corps Declares Public Meeting on BDCP/WaterFix is Not Necessary

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE/Corps) responded to [CCVFCA's comment letter](#) requesting a public hearing on the BDCP/WaterFix 404 permit. The [USACE's decision](#) is based on its determination that a public hearing is unlikely to produce new information which is not already available or cannot be adequately provided by phone or written communication. A decision to issue or deny the permit covering section 404 of the Clean Water Act, section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will be made after completion of the EIR/EIS. Therefore, the Corps encourages interested parties to continue submitting comments that will be retained in their administrative record.

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.)

SJAFCA Votes to Approve Smith Canal Flood Control Project

- <http://www.recordnet.com/article/20151119/NEWS/151119661/101094/A> NEWS

El Nino News

- [El Niño may trigger floods, famine and sickness in much of the world](#) - Los Angeles Times
- [El Godzilla | Commentary by Dianne Erskine-Hellrigel](#) - Santa Clarita Valley News
- [This winter's 'Godzilla' El Nino and how it compares to 1997](#) - WFLA
- [Meteorologists say current El Nino is biggest ever](#) - Action News Now

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