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# **CALENDAR ALERTS**

Nov 5 Deadline to apply for RD 1500 Operations Manager position

Nov 6 SWRCB vote, adopt Ind. Gen. Storm Water Permit Amdt., CalEPA, 9:30 am

Nov 13 Central Delta Public Lands (Restoration) Strategy mtg, Jean Harvie Ctr, 6:00 pm

### **KEEPING UP**

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#### Oroville Spillway Repair On Track

Just in time for winter storms, DWR announced that reconstruction of the Oroville Dam main spillway to the original 270,000 cfs design capacity was completed by its November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. However, curing of the concrete will continue until December 1<sup>st</sup> along with some dry finishing and joint sealing. DWR has also completed the winter operations plan for 2018-19 which once again relies on maintaining lower-than-average lake levels. On October 30<sup>th</sup> the community Ad-Hoc Committee for dam safety held its second meeting.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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#### Federal Water Infrastructure Bill Signed Into Law

President Trump signed America's <u>Water Infrastructure</u> Act (<u>S. 301</u>) authorizing <u>\$6.1 billion</u> to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for reducing flood risks and additional funds for improving the nation's rivers, harbors, and drinking water supply. The bill will also defund programs that Congress deems "inefficient."

The WRDA legislation also includes the <u>Water Workforce</u> Development bill language establishing a federal grant program to fund \$1 million per year for training and career development of workers in the water and wastewater industries. With nearly 50% of water industry employees eligible to retire in the next 5-10 years, the new program is intended to attract younger and more <u>diverse work force</u>.

### DELTA DOWNLOAD

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### Draft Delta Lands Strategy Ready for Release

The Delta Conservancy is scheduled to present the first draft of the Central Delta Public Lands <u>Strategy</u> document which is intended to guide investments in restoration opportunities located between Sherman Island and the Consumnes Preserve. The public <u>meeting</u> will be from 6:00-8:30 pm on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jean Harvie Community Center.

### Governor Signs Abandoned Vessel Bill

AB 2441, introduced by Assemblyman Jim Frazier to create an ongoing source of funding for the <u>removal</u> of abandoned commercial vessels from Delta channels, was signed into law by Governor Brown.

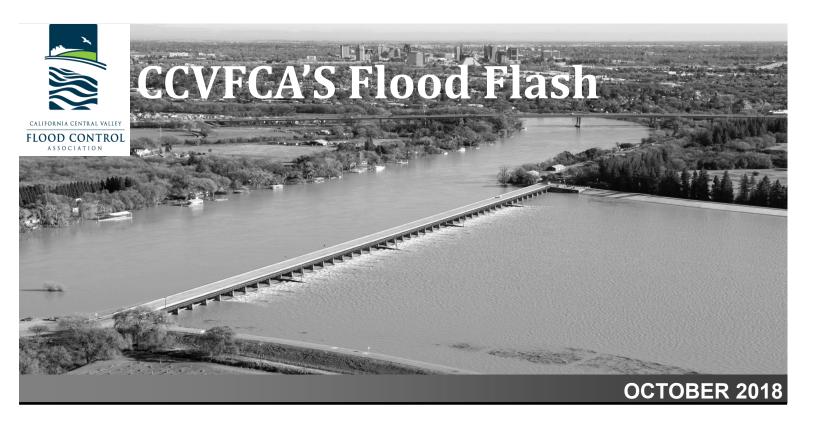
### More Delta Plan Consistency Certifications Filed

The San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency filed a certification of consistency for the <u>Smith Canal</u> Gate Project to reduce flood risk. November 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to file an appeal. DWR filed a certification of consistency with the Delta Plan for the <u>Grizzly Slough</u> and McCormack-Williamson Restoration Projects. The deadline to file an appeal to the DSC is November 26<sup>th</sup>.

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