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CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

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.

****November 9**

[USACE Public Scoping Open House](#) on flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration opportunities along the Sacramento River, 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville. Public scoping comments will be accepted through Nov. 23, 2015.

****November 9**

[Delta Plan Workshop](#) on Performance Measures, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sacramento Library Galleria, 828 I Street.

****November 12**

Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program ([SCFRR](#)) [Public Workshop](#) on Draft Guidelines, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge (Fire Training Room), 725 County Rd 99W, Willows.

November 13

Deadline to comment on DSC's "[Draft Levee-Related Habitat Review](#)"

****November 13**

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Advisory Committee Meeting, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Joint Operations Center 3310 El Camino Ave.

****November 16**

Senate Natural Resource & Water Committee informational hearing to assess the state's water funding needs, including flood protection, State Capitol, Room 112.

****November 23**

[Comments due](#) on USACE's evaluation of potential SRFCP flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration projects.

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.

April 20-21

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

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Public Workshop on Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Guidelines

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced a [public workshop on November 12, 2015](#) in Willows on the [draft Guidelines for the Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program](#). An additional workshop and webinar will be held in Sacramento at a later date for those unable to attend on November 12th.

Public comments on the draft guidelines are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, December 11, 2015**. They may be submitted via email to Stuart.Farley@water.ca.gov or mailed to California Department of Water Resources, Attention: S. Greg Farley, 3464 El Camino Avenue, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95821.

Public Invited to Provide Input on Future Flood Control & Ecosystem Projects in SRFCP

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) have announced [two public scoping sessions](#) to begin identifying flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration opportunities for the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP). The first open house is on November 3rd in West Sacramento and the second one is scheduled for November 9th from 3:00 – 7:00 pm in Marysville at the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 915 Eighth Street.

The study is a general reevaluation of the existing Sacramento River Flood Control Project, and is looking at flood risk reduction and ecosystem restoration opportunities along the Sacramento River and a number of its tributaries, from Elder Creek, near Tehama, to its confluence with the San Joaquin River in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Project features are also located along tributaries, sloughs, and bypass channels, including the Feather River, American River, Sutter Bypass, and Yolo Bypass.

This effort is part of a larger 2010 feasibility cost-share agreement between the USACE and CVFPB for the Corps' Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study that was amended in 2013. The revised study will focus on identifying potential flood risk reduction and ecosystem projects with a federal interest to complement the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) and ongoing USACE feasibility studies.

Input provided by the public will be used to develop a draft environmental impact statement/environmental impact report evaluating potential environmental effects of a number of alternatives proposing integration of a combination of ecosystem restoration and flood control projects. Proposed measures to be considered include: widening existing bypasses, modifying existing weirs, optimizing weir operations, restoring riparian habitat natural and geomorphic processes, constructing setback levees, developing floodplain management plans, and removing barriers to fish passage. The draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in spring 2017.

Public Workshop Scheduled to Assess Delta Plan Performance Measures

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) is holding a [workshop on November 9th](#) to review staff recommendations and receive public input on adding clarity, consistency, conciseness, and measurability to existing performance measures in the Delta Plan. The discussion will also cover the output and outcome performance measures in the plan relating to reliable water supply, ecosystem restoration, Delta as a place, water quality and flood risk reduction. This workshop is a follow-up to the DSC's discussion of [Delta Plan performance highlights](#) and additional [refinements proposed by staff](#) at their August meeting.

El Nino Summit – Planning for Flood Management Action Now

CCVFCA representatives will be joining other federal, state, and local flood control managers as well as a broad spectrum of stakeholders, environmental experts, and academics at an [El Nino Summit](#) being hosted by UC Davis to discuss levee and habitat restoration actions that should be considered with the chance that California finds itself quickly shifting from drought to floods this winter. Panelists will include Central Valley Flood Protection Board Member Joe Countryman and Tim Washburn from Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA).

New Operational Rules for Folsom Dam and Reservoir Discussed at Public Workshop

On October 29th, CCVFCA staff attended the public workshop on [Folsom Dam Water Control Manual Update](#) held by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency. The manual must be updated to reflect new operational capabilities associated with the recent construction of a new auxiliary spillway that when completed in 2017 and combined with an improved weather forecasting will reduce flood risk by allowing larger amounts of water to be released sooner.

The presentation discussed modeling results and environmental resources effects of three alternatives, with the primary focus on the Preferred Alternative #3, 400/600 TAF Flood Space Forecasted Inflow Volume, which takes into account upstream storage credits, basin wetness, and river forecast. The project anticipates that Alternative 3 will maintain more flood space than existing and alternative operations, while still allowing for the best water conservation pool the remainder of the year. According to the modeling information presented, the storage outcomes of Alternatives 2 and 3 both would improve flood risk management operations, with slightly improved end of May Folsom storage, and CalSim II results overall indicating no substantial changes to system-wide performance. The modeling results for various environmental impacts, including Delta water quality and fisheries far-field evaluation were also discussed.

Additional opportunity for comments will also be available at a final public workshop to be scheduled sometime around February 2016 and once again when the EIR/EIS is released in summer of 2016.

IN THE NEWS

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El Nino Stories Continue

- [El Nino Predictions Bring Advice to Consider Flood Coverage](#) – Rosemont Patch
- [With Strong El Nino Expected, FEMA Urges Residents to Buy Flood Insurance](#) – Fox 40
- [How El Niño Will Affect the West this Winter](#) – Outside
- [New forecast: Feds say El Niño will be long and strong](#) – Silicon Valley Business Journal
- [Pavley to Focus on Expected El Niño Event](#) – SCVTV
- [Currents of Change: Tracking the El Nino Data](#) – NBC Los Angeles
- [California farmers hope to capture El Niño rains](#) – KCRA
- [Despite hype of El Niño Grande, California rainy season starts with a whimper](#) – KCRA
- [Special Report: Extreme El Nino](#) – yourcentralvalley.com
- [What If We Have Too Much Water: El Niño and Flood Damages](#) – PUBLICCEO
- [California officials outline preparations for El Nino flooding](#) – Reuters
- [Turning El Nino against the drought](#) – Taft Midway Driller
- [El Niño predictions bring advice to consider flood coverage; consumers urged to prepare for possibility of a very wet season](#) – Lake County News
- [City of Bakersfield unveils El Nino preparedness web page](#) – kerngoldenempire.com
- [California Weather Blog: Dry start to autumn in California, but near-record strength El Niño still on track to bring a wet winter](#) – Maven's Notebook
- [One of the strongest hurricanes ever recorded is fueled by El Niño, scientists say](#) – Los Angeles Times
- [El Niño forecast boosts hopes for wet season on North Coast](#) – The Press Democrat
- [Looming El Niño Exposes California's Water Vulnerabilities](#) – Huffington Post
- [El Nino: Some companies to benefit while others get hit](#) – CNBC
- [El Nino's coming, so clean out those drains!](#) – San Gabriel Valley Tribune
- [PD Editorial: El Niño may not be a drought-buster](#) – The Press Democrat
- [El Niño: Will it be a miracle or mediocre?](#) – Bakersfield Now

High Surf and Tides Could Bring Coastal Flooding

- [Coastal Flood Advisory Remains In Effect Across Southern California](#) – CBS Los Angeles
- [High surf and tides hit Southern California](#) – LA Times

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