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CALENDAR ALERTS

May 18-20 - ACWA Bay-Delta Water Tour

June 2 - ACWA Shasta Dam Flood Control & Water Reliability Tour

June 6 - Deadline to submit comments on 2022 Draft CVFPP

Sept 6-9 - Floodplain Management Association Annual Conference, Sacramento Hyatt

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KEEPING UP

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Draft 2022 Update of the CVFPP Released

On April 21, 2022, DWR <u>released</u> the public <u>Draft 2022 update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan</u>. The update focuses on <u>investing</u> in climate resiliency under climate change, alignment with other State planning efforts, and performance tracking. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board will host public hearings and review written comments to identify potential modifications before adopting. Three public hearings are scheduled in May and the deadline to submit written comments is June 6, 2022.

County Expands Flood Elevation Ordinances

The Solano County Board of Supervisors introduced an ordinance in April to clarify that newly installed <u>manufactured homes</u> <u>and equipment</u> such as heating and air conditioning units, water heaters, and electrical panels must be one foot above the base flood elevation. The county is responsible for enforcing FEMAs building standards in order to reduce federal flood insurance rates for property owners.

LEGISLATIVE LATEST

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Federal Water Infrastructure Funding

Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla <u>announced</u> securing more than \$870 million for USACE water infrastructure projects in California, which includes \$175 million for key flood control projects in the Sacramento region and \$15 million in the San Joaquin River Basin. President Biden signed legislation with <u>funding for flood control</u> projects including \$157 million for next phase of construction in the Natomas Basin and \$17.9 million to begin construction on a new project in West Sacramento. In addition, the President's proposed budget for 2023 includes another \$172 million for Natomas and \$79.7 million for West Sacramento, but still needs Congressional approval.

Reducing Damage from Homeless Encampments

Three Sacramento State Legislators have introduced <u>Assembly Bill 2633</u> to allow county park rangers to <u>remove unpermitted</u> <u>campers and campsites</u> after 72 hour notice due to inherent safety hazards to the public and degradation of the open spaces and the environment. The scope of influence is limited to special parklands as defined in the bill. AB 2633 passed the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on April 26, 2022, but is opposed by homeless advocates.

LEGAL MATTERS

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SCOTUS to Review WOTUS Ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) chose to review a 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision on the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), despite objections by U.S. EPA about the affect on the Biden Administration currently revising the regulatory definition of WOTUS. House Republicans sided with the landowners, stating that Congress intended federal authority over navigable water, but not every stream, puddle, or ditch. In the meantime, EPA will continue with its rulemaking process and public input in regional roundtables this summer. The court is expected to hear arguments on the case this fall. On another WOTUS legal case pending in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court on a 5-4 vote held that the Trump Administration's Section 401 certification rule would stay in place while litigation on scope of certification review proceeded.

IN THE NEWS

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- Manufactured homes to fall under Solano elevated flood protection rules (dailyrepublic.com)
- Sacramento to increase stormwater fee for property owners | The Sacramento Bee (sacbee.com)
- Proposed stormwater fee not approved by Vallejo property owners Times-Herald (timesheraldonline.com)
- ESTUARY NEWS: Atmospheric Rivers Intensifying as World Warms: How the West Will Know What's Coming MAVE-N'S NOTEBOOK | Water news (mavensnotebook.com)
- https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/south-bay-flood-protection-project-breaks-ground/? utm medium=email&utm source=govdelivery
- CW3E AR Update: 14 April 2022 Outlook Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (ucsd.edu)
- Rainwater Harvesting as an Infrastructure Solution | SWS (estormwater.com)
- Lake Oroville Community Update April 15, 2022 (ca.gov)
- Levee Rebuild In Voters' Hands | Good Times
- Here's How California Is Rethinking Its Rivers NBC Los Angeles

- California's Rivers Could Help Protect the State from Flood and Drought Public Policy Institute of California (ppic.org)
- Napa's flood control district could lose out on millions in state reimbursement funding for Napa River projects | Local News | napavalleyregister.com
- To fix Pajaro River levees officials ask locals to foot part of bill Santa Cruz Sentinel
- \$5.5 million flood control project finishes construction of bypass channel under Highway 101 in Santa Barbara | News Channel 3-12 (keyt.com)
- Plan to divert future property tax to pay for flood protection Manteca Bulletin
- More Frequent El Niño Events Predicted by 2040 Eos
- A South Bay Levee Breaks Ground, And Records KneeDeep Times
- Lake Oroville Community Update April 22, 2022 (ca.gov)
- California drought: First-of-its-kind project prepares South San Francisco park for drier times amid CA's continued drought -ABC7 San Francisco (abc7news.com)