

## CALENDAR ALERTS

### 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, [Amanda.Bohl@deltacconservancy.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.Bohl@deltacconservancy.ca.gov). An outline of project types and eligibility requirements is available on CCVFCA's [website](#).

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Deadline to submit comments on the Draft Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy, with Executive Summary and 12 appendices. [Click here](#) to review all documents.

### September 17

Delta Protection Commission meeting will be held in Walnut Grove. Will update with location and agenda when announced.

### September 17

SAFCA will hold their board meeting from 3:00 - 5:00pm at 700 H Street, Sacramento CA

### September 23

Comment Deadline for the Delta Independent Science Board draft, Adaptive Management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta HOW IT CAN BE USED AND HOW IT CAN BE IMPROVED? - [Click Here](#) to review the draft report. To comment please [Click Here](#)

### September 23

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

### September 25

CVFPB will hold their regular business meeting at 9:00 am at the Sacramento City Hall Council Chambers

### 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 30

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

### **Feasibility Study Regarding Delta Levee Financing Mechanisms Underway**

CCVFCA participated in a preliminary outreach meeting with Delta Protection Commission consultants developing a feasibility study on long-term funding for flood protection and emergency response in the Delta. The team will be working to develop a refined list of beneficiary categories that are protected by levees and an appropriate range of possible funding mechanisms to pay for Delta levee maintenance and improvements. Developed in four phases, the final product will produce illustrative examples that are sufficient to draw broad conclusions about the feasibility of a range of financial mechanisms, but will not include a single set of specific recommendations or implementation plan. Such an effort would require additional analysis using more precise and comprehensive information which is not within the scope of this project.

A tentative schedule is to have a draft beneficiary analysis produced by the end of the year, with a draft list of financing mechanisms by February, and the final report completed in July.

### **Several Lawsuits & Differing Court Decisions Further Confuse Water Rule Implementation**

With approximately 30 states filing lawsuits in various federal jurisdictions, the status of WOTUS implementation becomes murkier after three different courts reach different conclusions regarding [legal challenges](#).

A judge in the federal District Court for North Dakota imposed a preliminary injunction, preventing implementation of the new rule on its August, 28, 2015 effective date for the 13 states that filed this lawsuit (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming). The judge has ordered parties to submit their legal briefs regarding the reach of the district court's jurisdiction by September 1, 2015.

Citing lack of jurisdiction and thus deferring to the federal Appeals Court, two other federal district courts in West Virginia and Georgia dismissed similar lawsuits filed by several other states. The group of plaintiffs in the West Virginia case also simultaneously filed legal challenges in the federal Court of Appeals.

Meanwhile, the U.S. EPA released a statement asserting that the new rule remains in effect for the 37 states not involved in the North Dakota District Court litigation, including California. The new Waters of the U.S. Rule (WOTUS), also referred to as the Clean Water Rule, is seen as significantly **increasing federal regulatory jurisdiction** over private farms, ranches, and forest lands by, among other things:

- Expanding the definitions of "adjacent waters" to include all "ephemeral" streams and tributaries;
- Including any part of a water body or wetland is within the 100-year floodplain;
- Allowing any area that is determined to have a "significant nexus" to downstream waters.

To help California farmers and ranchers understand how the rule could be applied, the [CA Farm Bureau Federation \(CFBF\)](#) is working with its national partner the American Farm Bureau Federation and mapping company Geosyntec Consulting to develop an interactive map depicting the areas under the new rules' jurisdiction. Although not publicly available yet, the CFBF's preliminary analysis indicates as much as 95% of California's land area might be subject to restricted use or now require additional permits for the same activities that have been conducted for generations.

### **Let the Bidding Begin - Original USGS Copper Engraved Plates of Maps Up for Auction**

Whether your agency is interested in having the original copper plates used to produce maps of your district's area as a piece of history or to display as unique art work in your office, then the federal government has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you.

The copper plate sets of USGS map engravings have been loaded into the GSA Auctions web site for public sale. Each auction will be open for 14 days, followed by another 14-day period during which GSA closes the sale with the successful bidder and the bidder receives his or her set(s) from the USGS, so, there will be about 30 days between auctions. Because of the large number of sets, GSA plans to offer them in four auctions, with each auction offering approximately 450 sets. Each auction will feature sets from one of four geographic groupings: west, central, northeast, and south and mid-west.

The following website links have information on the maps and auction process:

Auction Site: [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov)

Description of what they look like and the history: <ftp://ftpext.usgs.gov/pub/er/va/reston/Engravings/USGS%20Engravings%20Available%20for%20Sale.pdf>

Info on Release #3 of copper engraved maps: <ftp://ftpext.usgs.gov/pub/er/va/reston/Engravings/150829 Public Sale Notes.pdf>

To support the sale, USGS posted the following items at <ftp://ftpext.usgs.gov/pub/er/va/reston/Engravings/>

- The attached "USGS Engravings Available for Sale" document that provides an overview of the engravings and the GSA sales (auction) process.
- A "notes" document that describes the files that support the sale.
- A spreadsheet that provides information about each set.
- Five map files that portray the area mapped by, and basic descriptive information for, most sets. One can use the descriptive information to look up the details about the set in the spreadsheet. The files are in kmz format, and are best used with Google Earth.
- Information about how USGS used to clean the sets and prepare them for display.
- Status and FAQ files that USGS updates weekly.

## 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.)

[Asm. Gallagher Joins Republican Legislators in Requesting Special Session on Drought](#)

[Levees Are Key to Protecting Sacramento and Delta Floodplain](#)

[Are Atmospheric Rivers Part of California's Future Under Climate Change?](#)

[SB 758 Proposes Funding Research on How to Predict and Tap into Atmospheric Rivers](#)

### **El Nino Could Provide Relief and Bring Misery**

- [San Diego Union Tribune](#)
- [Wired](#)
- [sfist](#)
- [Bloomberg](#)
- [Bay Nature](#)
- [EarthSky](#)
- [CBS](#)