



CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY
FLOOD CONTROL
ASSOCIATION

CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

December 15

Public workshop on Draft [Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Guidelines](#), from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Courtland Auditorium, located at 146 Primasing Avenue, Courtland. A map and directions to the meeting venue is available online [here](#).

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.

****December 28**

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

****January 21**

Delta Protection Commission Meeting 5:30pm located in Sacramento

April 20-21

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

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FEATURED ASSOCIATE MEMBER



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KEEPING UP

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FEMA Releases El Nino Response Plan

A federal emergency response plan has been prepared by a joint state and federal task force with a series of worst-case scenarios of the havoc that El Nino could cause this winter and guidelines to help federal, state, and local leaders deal with such disasters. In addition, agencies are convening in Sacramento to conduct a tabletop exercise testing various response measures.

Using data from previous El Nino years and new estimates by states and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the task force developed four alert levels: 1) normal operations; 2) elevated threat; 3) credible threat; and 4) disaster response. FEMA's Disaster Response Plan also has three phases addressing power outages, evacuations, temporary shelters, food and water requirements, and medical shelters for Region IX which covers the southwest. Per the suggestion of NOAA scientists, the Plan's model used information from the 182-83 El Nino season, which recorded 36 storm-related deaths, 481 injured, and an estimated \$1.2 billion in economic losses including 6,661 homes and 1,330 businesses damaged or destroyed.

According to the report, "There is substantial risk in Northern California (NorCal) due to potential levee failures. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is particularly vulnerable to levee failures due to its location, aging infrastructure, low elevation, and subsidence." A consistent message promoted by the federal, state, and agency representatives was to encourage homeowners to consider buying supplemental flood insurance now because new policies require a 30-day period before taking effect.

Water & Irrigation District Maps Available for Purchase

The California Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) and the Ag Lenders Society of California are pleased to announce their successful joint venture to produce two maps (northern CA from Shasta Lake to Oakdale and southern CA from Stockton to Tehachapi) depicting water and irrigation districts, reclamation districts, counties, roads, sections, and townships for the prominent agricultural areas in the state.

Thanks to the support and generosity of sponsors, copies of these maps are being made available for just \$10 each, plus sales tax and shipping costs. Orders can be made by visiting www.calasfmra.com or www.aglenders.org.

Electronic versions of the maps will hopefully be available in the near future, which will allow the maps to be frequently updated and corrected when necessary. If you have any questions or corrections to a map for future reprints, please contact the CA Chapter of ASFMRA office at (209) 368-3672 or info@calasfmra.com.

Carl Torgersen Appointed as Chief Deputy Director of DWR

Just before Thanksgiving, Governor Brown appointed Carl Torgersen as Chief Deputy Director of the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) after serving in several positions since 1981, including Chief of the Engineering Branch. He replaces Laura King-Moon who passed away in October after a courageous battle with cancer.

Leslie Gallagher Selected as Executive Director of CVFPB

After serving as the Acting Executive Officer since June 2014, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB/Board) announced Leslie Gallagher has accepted permanent promotion to the E.O. position. Before coming to the Board in 2013 as the Chief Counsel, she served as the attorney in charge of permitting multi-million dollar developments for the City of Oceanside and with the San Diego County Water Authority working on complex Colorado River issues, including being selected as the co-chair for negotiations of a water treaty between the U.S. and Mexico.

IN THE NEWS

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FEMA's El Nino Response Plan Includes Flooding in Sacramento Valley Scenario:

- [FEMA readies for El Niño disasters](#) - Sacramento Bee
 - [Historic El Niño predicted](#) - Tracy Press
 - [Officials release El Niño disaster response plan ahead of historic storm season](#) - KRON 4
 - [El Niño: Federal officials warn Californians to prepare for onslaught](#) - San Jose Mercury News
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