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CALENDAR ALERTS

March 23

CVFPP Coordinating Committee Meeting, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento.

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CVFPB Executive Committee Meeting, 1:30 pm, 3310 El Camino Ave., Rm 130, Sacramento.

March 24

[Delta Stewardship Council Meeting](#), West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

March 25

[CVFPB Regular Business Meeting](#), 9:00 am, 915 I St., Sacramento.

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Deadline to submit comments on SWRCB Aquatic Weed Control Permit.

April 1

USACE Regulatory Program [Workshop](#), 1:30-4:00 pm, Sacramento.

April 8

EIR public [scoping meeting on CVFPP](#) 2017 update, 10:00am-12:00pm, Sacramento City Hall, 915 I St.

April 15

Deadline to apply for RD 2068 Asst. General Manager position.

April 20-21

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

April 27

CVFPP Coordinating Committee Meeting, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento.

April 28

Annual [Water Policy Conference](#), Sacramento Masonic Temple, 1123 J St., 9am-3:30pm.

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CCVFCA Flood Forum Focuses on Financing Challenges and Opportunities

Last week the Association hosted its annual Flood Forum with the topic titled “The Money Game: More Than Dollars and Cents.” A panel of speakers from Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), and local maintaining agencies represented by Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) offered their perspectives on their funding processes, explaining the timelines and limitations, and described the challenges and opportunities they encounter in their respective budget processes.

[DWR's presentation](#) by Mary Jimenez, Flood Planning Branch Chief explained how the current 5-year update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) will include a State-Recommended Investment Portfolio that will be used in the Legislative budget process to define the funding needed for deferred maintenance, new regulatory requirements, and flood risk reduction improvements. She also described the 18-month state budget process that DWR must navigate through in order to receive annual funding from the State Budget that includes having to compete with other program fiscal needs internally at DWR and statewide issues when evaluated by the Department of Finance before receiving approval to be incorporated into the annual State Budget proposed by the Governor every January. Then it must survive the legislative budget committee process and approval by the State Senate and Assembly.

CVFPB Executive Officer Leslie Gallagher reviewed the board's funding needs and declining revenue sources that raised concerns in the State Legislature last year regarding increased demand on the General Fund for the board's activities due to the loss of annual revenues from Proposition 1E. The State Senate budget subcommittee required the board to report back on non-General Fund [funding options](#) such as fees, assessments, and taxes on beneficiaries to pay for their regulatory functions. Moving forward the board welcomes creative fiscal ideas and the opportunity for increasing coordination in funding requests for flood control activities.

The Executive Director of SBFCA, Mike Inamine, provided a [local agency fiscal perspective](#), highlighting some of the challenges such as Prop. 218 limitations, cash flow dilemmas, and how to fund increasing long-term maintenance costs. With increases as much as triple per levee mile, this looming trend is not sustainable and requires addressing in the 2017 update of the CVFPP.

More than 100 flood control managers representing state and local agencies as well as consulting firms working on flood protection projects throughout the northern portion of the Central Valley then had the opportunity to interact with the panel during the question period.

The Association would like to thank everyone who attended and particularly our gold sponsor Mead & Hunt, as well as silver sponsors Downey Brand, KSN, LWA, MBK, and Westervelt.

Public Scoping Meeting on EIR for 2017 Update of the CVFPP

DWR recently released a [Notice of Preparation](#) (NOP) for the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) being prepared for the 2017 update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP). They also scheduled a [public scoping meeting](#) on Friday, April 8th at the Sacramento City Hall, 915 I Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The public meeting is designed to receive comments on the scope and content of the environmental analysis of the updated flood plan. Written comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016.

FEMA Floats Conceptual Proposal to Establish Annual Deductible Amount for Every State

The CA State Association of Counties (CSAC) has been working with other states through its national association on providing comments to FEMA on a disaster deductible “concept” the agency [noticed in the Federal Register](#). Under consideration is a proposal that would require recipients of federal disaster assistance (states and counties) funds to meet a certain level of spending before receiving federal funds following a flood event or other natural disaster, similar to the deductible you must pay on your car before your insurance company will cover the rest.

FEMA believes that implementing a deductible would incentivize recipients to implement disaster planning and risk reduction measures in order to receive “credit” towards their deductible. [CSAC expressed concerns](#) with delays in receiving funding following a disaster, burden of documenting “credits,” and potential for costs to be passed down from the State to local agencies and landowners. [DWR](#) and [CSAC](#) both submitted comment letters to FEMA.

Sacramento River Spills into Yolo Bypass for First Time Since 2012

Designed to relieve the swollen Sacramento River once it reaches 33.5 foot level, water is once again automatically spilling over the Fremont Weir into the Yolo Bypass which is a major feature of the State Plan of Flood Control facilities protecting the Central Valley from flooding. Due to drought conditions over the past several years, this is the first time the river has crested over the weir since 2012. The Bypass is expected to reach a depth of three feet on March 22nd and then start receding.

DWR Receives National Climate Change Award

The California Department of Water Resources was recently announced as one of the 17 organizations from around the country for their leadership and innovation in helping fight climate change. Winners are honored for managing and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in internal operations and throughout the supply chain, as well as integrating climate resilience into their operating strategies. The annual Climate Leadership Awards are bestowed by a partnership between the U.S. EPA's Center for Corporate Climate Leadership, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2Es) and The Climate Registry (TCR). DWR received their award in the Organizational Leadership Award category for protecting California's water supply.

JOB ALERTS

Assistant General Manager (AGM) Position

Reclamation District No. 2068 in Dixon California is recruiting for an AGM. The District is an irrigation water supply, drainage and levee maintenance agency. The successful candidate will increasingly assume responsibilities for planning, organizing, directing and coordinating functions of the District and would be considered for the GM position upon the retirement of the current GM. A Bachelor's degree in business administration, engineering, water resources or related field is expected. A complete position description and additional information is available by request at jobsrd2068@solanowireless.com. Please include a name and return email address. Resumes will be accepted until April 15, 2016.

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.)

- [California's biggest reservoir, Shasta, rises to key milestone](#) - San Jose Mercury News
 - [Drenched by 'March Miracle,' Northern California reservoirs inch ...](#) - Los Angeles Times
 - [Rain fills reservoirs, but California still suffers drought's effects](#) - San Francisco Chronicle
 - [Shasta Lake reaches 108 percent of its historic average](#) - San Francisco Chronicle
 - [Lake Oroville passes benchmark, now fuller than average](#) - Chico Enterprise-Record
 - [Lake Oroville showing what a few months of rain can mean](#) - Chico Enterprise Record
 - [Recent rain and snow boost area reservoirs](#) - yourcentralvalley.com

 - [4th day of wet weather saturates California](#) - Associated Press

 - [Sacramento River Rising, and the Yolo Bypass Is Forecast to Flood](#) - KQED
 - [VIDEO: Yolo Bypass Flooded For First Time Since 2012](#) - CBS Local
 - [In California, Dealing With A Drought And Preparing For A Flood](#) - NPR
 - [NOAA releases spring flooding and drought forecast](#) - CBS News
 - [Rising rivers bring to more debris, dangers in Sacramento](#) - KCRA 3

 - [Birds-eye views of NorCal water runoff](#) - KCRA
 - [High water levels could lead to 'interesting' runoff season](#) - KCRA Sacramento

 - [California Experiencing "Miracle March" Says Water Manager](#) - Capital Public Radio News
 - [California Experiencing "Miracle March" With Rain And Snow](#) - Valley Public Radio

 - [New satellite helps scientists track El Nino](#) - KABC-TV
 - [El Niño: Preparing now for disasters later](#) - Los Angeles Times
 - [El Nino Leaves Water Management Questions](#) - AgNet West

 - [Could Sites be California's next big reservoir?](#) - Western Farm Press

 - [Merced Mysteries & Minutiae: Preventing flooding, capturing stormwater a balancing act](#) - Merced Sun-Star

 - [Floods, farms, fowl, and fish: a confluence of successful management](#) - California Water Blog

 - [Proposed Ballot Initiative Would Divert High Speed Rail and Water Bond Money](#) - Valley Public Radio
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- [March storms brighten future of winter-run Chinook salmon](#) - Sacramento Bee
 - [DREDGE THE SAN JOAQUIN? Mayor DeBrum plans to make longshot pitch](#) - Manteca Bulletin
 - [Flooding alleviated by targeted tree planting and river restoration, scientists discover](#) - Science Daily
 - [Decision time for California governor's big water project](#) - Journal-News
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