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CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

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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Legislation to Repeal New Federal Water Rules Stymied in the Senate

The U.S. Senate recently fell three votes short of the 60 needed to approve legislation to repeal and re-write the Clean Water Rule. The bill would require the U.S. EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to revise and re-issue a Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that specifically excludes areas such as isolated ponds, ditches, agricultural water, storm water, groundwater, floodwater, municipal water supply systems, wastewater management systems, and streams without enough flow to carry pollutants to navigable waters.

The House of Representatives passed similar legislation in May, but President Obama has threatened to veto any legislation attempting to overturn the new WOTUS rules. Both the President and U.S. EPA defend the new rules as necessary to clarify confusion from two U.S. Supreme Court decisions regarding how far upstream regulators are authorized to assert jurisdiction to protect the country's navigable waters from pollution.

In the meantime, more than half the states fearing expansion of federal jurisdiction over private lands and activities have sued and a federal court has temporarily blocked implementation of the new rules across the nation while these legal challenges are pursued.

EIR/EIS is released in summer of 2016.

IN THE NEWS

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El Nino Stories Continue

- [FEMA warns of flooding in California thanks to El Niño](#)—Tucson News
- [El Niño could kill hundreds of homeless Californians who refuse to leave flood zones](#) - The Washington Post
- [California dead tree 'emergency' could fuel wildfires, El Nino floods](#) - Los Angeles Daily news
- [Why experts say this year's El Nino will be one of the strongest](#) - KABC-TV
- [El Niño: What causes it?](#) - San Jose Mercury news
- [Local cities prepare for heavy El Nino rainy season, end of drought](#) - Vallejo Times Herald
- [All Eyes Focused on El Niño](#)— Mountain News

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