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Deadline to submit [applications](#) for WEF's 2017 [Water Leadership Class](#).

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[Deadline to comment](#) on Water Storage Investment Regulations

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DPC Committee on Delta Levee Financing Study, 1416-9th St., Rm 1407-17, 11:00 am

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First Look at Draft Feasibility Study on Financing Delta Levees

In October, Delta Protection Commission (DPC) staff and consultants presented a draft of [Findings and Recommendations](#) of a feasibility study evaluating financial mechanisms that would apply a beneficiary pays principle to fund Delta levee maintenance and improvement. Although a Draft of the full report was not available for review by the Commissioners or public, the [staff presentation](#) concluded with recommendation that the DPC approve a final Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study at their November meeting.

CCVFCA Executive Director Melinda Terry pointed out some of the misleading and incorrect information contained in the eight Technical Memos which would be included as Appendices to the final report. In addition, she expressed concern with two of the three new fees (Delta Flood Prevention and Delta Water User Fees) proposed in the draft Findings and Recommendations which would be layered on to the property assessments that Delta landowners already pay to Reclamation Districts. To date, the new funding mechanisms have been described as applying to non-landowning beneficiaries who are currently not contributing

towards levee maintenance and improvements, so the scope of what is in fact being proposed in the Findings and Recommendations has not been sufficiently explained to Delta residents and farmers.

The Commission decided to have the DPC subcommittee established to provide oversight of the draft feasibility study review the Final Study once it was completed and meet with stakeholders to discuss potential revisions and additional public outreach needed prior to approval of the Commission.

The DPC subcommittee will meet on [December 8th](#) at 11:00 am to review a [draft of the Final Study](#). CCVFCA encourages its Delta members and farmers to review this document and attend the meeting next Thursday to provide input regarding additional public outreach and explanation that may be necessary prior to the DPC approving a Final Report.

Now Available -- CVFPP Conservation Strategy

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently released a primary [component of the 2017 update](#) of the the *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan* (CVFPP) – the long-awaited draft *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Conservation Strategy* ([Conservation Strategy](#)). This document is intended to outline a comprehensive, long-term approach to improve riverine and floodplain ecosystems, and to provide guidance on how multi-benefit projects can provide ecological benefits while protecting public safety.

According to DWR it addresses three environmental objectives of the CVFPP:

1. Promotes natural dynamic hydrologic and geomorphic processes;
2. Increases and improves the quantity, diversity, and connectivity of riparian, wetland, floodplain, and shaded riverine aquatic habitats, including the agricultural and ecological values of these lands;
3. Promotes the recovery and stability of native species populations and overall biotic community diversity.

There are also [12 Appendices](#) to the Conservation Strategy covering topics such as Advanced Mitigation, Vegetation Management, and Measurable Objectives.

This latest version was prepared by DWR after reviewing [public comments](#) submitted on the 2015 draft and an implementation report developed by an Advisory Committee established by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB). Along with other Advisory Committee participants, CCVFCA will be reviewing the draft to see if the [committee's recommendations](#) are incorporated in the latest draft and provide input to the flood board during their public process before adopting 2017 CVFPP update next June.

CA Water Commission Seeks Public Comment on Eligibility for Water Storage Funding

Deadline to [submit comments](#) on recent modifications to the [Water Storage Investment Regulations](#) is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Comments should be mailed to CA Water Commission, P.O. Box 924836, Sacramento, CA, 94236 or emailed to Joe Yun at WSIPcomments@cwca.gov.

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