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CALENDAR ALERTS

- Oct 10 Coastal Conservancy webinar on USACE Continuing Authorities Program, 12:00 pm
- Oct 12 Deadline to apply for RD 1000 General Manager position
- Oct 20 Delta Flood Safety Fair, Walnut Grove Library, 10am - noon
- Oct 21 Deadline to comment, Final EIR/EIS for USACE Delta Levee Feasibility Study
- Oct 25 Deadline to submit nominations for Delta Leadership Program
- Oct 26 USACE Workshop, Clean Water Rules, Sac Dist Rm 814, 1:30 pm
- Nov 5 Deadline to apply for RD 1500 Operations Manager position

KEEPING UP

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USACE Workshop on Clean Water Act

The USACE will discuss how the 2015 Clean Water Rules changes jurisdictional determinations in California at their quarterly workshop on October 26, 2018 from 1:30-4:00 pm in Room 814 at Sacramento District Office.

Oroville Dam Construction Update

For the second year in a row, a report by the CA Division of Safety of Dams lists only one of the state's 1,200 dams as "unsatisfactory" – the Oroville Dam. DWR provided an update on spillway construction activities claiming the upper chute is 76% complete and will meet its November 1 date for completing concrete.

Shasta River Hydrologic Model Technical Comments Requested

The State Water Resources Control Board is seeking technical comments regarding development of a Shasta River hydrologic model. The deadline to comment is October 23, 2018.

Making State's Infrastructure Climate-Safe

A work group comprised of scientific and engineering experts released a report regarding making California's infrastructure more resilient to growing threats of climate change. It provides a framework for incorporating climate change impacts into planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of critical infrastructure.

Federal Agency Overwhelmed by Disasters

A report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) claims the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was forced to rely on uncertified workers in key roles when multiple hurricane disasters and subsequent wildfires in California stretched their staff beyond their limit. In a letter responding to the GAO report critical of federal emergency response capabilities, the Department of Homeland Security acknowledged the nation's ability to respond and recover from multiple concurrent disasters was tested in 2017. Unfortunately the report did not provide any recommendations for improving disaster response in the

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future.

Hurricane Harvey Flooding in Texas Prompts Risk Management Recommendations

In response to extensive flooding and damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017, the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released a report with recommendations on improving inland flood risk management. California has already implemented some of their ideas including development of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, an annual levee inspection program for SPFC system, and annual notification of flood risk to landowners.

Increased Waste Discharge Fees Proposed

The State Water Resources Control Board issued a Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking to raise Waste Discharge Fees by 9.5% for FY 2018-19. The water board is required to adjust the fees annually based on appropriations provided in the State Budget. This year's appropriation for the WDR program is \$33.4 million, but current fee revenues would only generate \$28.2 million. The proposed increase will generate another \$2.7 million and defer the balance to the next fiscal year.

Reclamation District Employment Opportunities

Due to Paul Devereux announcing his retirement, RD 1000 is seeking qualified candidates to serve as General Manager. Located in the Natomas Basin area of Sacramento, RD 1000 is the largest in California based on its 55,000 acre jurisdiction with agriculture and over 100,000 residents. Experience with budgets and an engineering, business, or public administration degree are required. Deadline to apply for RD General Manager position is October 12, 2018.

RD 1500 is seeking a qualified candidate to fill an Operations Manager position. Reporting to the General Manager, the Operations Manager oversees personnel responsible for the joint operations and maintenance of large public flood control and drainage infrastructure and private mutual water (irrigation) facilities in rural Sutter County. If Interested please contact Brad Mattson at 530 624 5650 or email at Brad@sutterbasinwater.com. Deadline to apply is November 5, 2018.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Oroville Dam Receives State and Federal Legislative Attention

Governor Brown signed into law Senator Nielsen's SB 955, creating a 19-member citizen's advisory commission to provide a formal venue for local residents and state representatives to discuss ongoing construction, maintenance and reports on the Oroville Dam. President Trump signed federal appropriations bill that includes language requiring FERC to conduct an independent review of Oroville Dam.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Redding) expressed concern when DWR disclosed in early September that the cost estimate for repair of the Oroville Dam spillways has increased to over \$1 billion, and may rise further before construction is completed in 2019.

DELTA DOWNLOAD

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Next Delta Leaders Wanted

The Delta Protection Commission is accepting nominations for participants in the 2019 Delta Leadership Program. Deadline to submit application is October 25, 2018.

Corps Releases Delta Levee Feasibility Study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released the final EIS for the Delta Islands and Levee Feasibility Study. The draft report outlines a plan for reusing dredge material from the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel to restore 340 acres of intertidal marsh at Big Break. The deadline to submit comments is October 21, 2018.

IN THE NEWS

(Links are available to all news organization websites on our website, where you can read the full stories.

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- [Napa receives encouraging news on flood walls to protect Soscol Avenue, Riverside Drive](#) - Napa Valley Register
- [Marin Voice: Tiburon needs to take action to prevent future flooding](#) - Marin Independent Journal
- [SF lays foundation for seawall repair with beer, coffee campaign](#) - SF Chronicle
- [Global warming, El Nino could cause wetter winters, drier conditions in other months](#) - Phys.Org
- [Proposition 3: An \\$8.87 billion water and habitat bond](#) - CalMatters
- [Isleton's Origins](#) - Comstock's
- [Global Warming, El Niño Could Cause Wetter Winters, Drier Conditions in Other Months](#) - UCR Today
- [Climate change reveals hurricane conditions could affect California](#) - The Sundial
- [San Anselmo flooding project hits key stage](#) - Marin Independent Journal
- [California fires, floods, droughts: "It's getting more real now" Jerry Brown says in climate interview](#) - Chico ER
- [Solano judge denies effort to stop Putah Creek restoration work](#) - Daily Republic
- [ASCE Gives California's Kern County C on Infrastructure](#) - Transport Topics
- [Valadao, Costa, other Valley leaders rally in support of California water ballot prop](#) - Fresno Bee
- [No on Proposition 3, another water bond](#) - The Orange Counter Register
- [The nearly 500 Californians killed in the 1928 St. Francis Dam disaster might finally get a memorial](#) - Whittier Daily News
- [Time Lapse Video: See a 220-ft Calaveras Dam go up in 1 minute](#) - East Bay Times
- [Data collection begins toward raising Shasta Dam](#) - Paradise Post
- [Officials kick off Prop. 3 campaign](#) - Hanford Sentinel
- [Prop. 3 promises more California water projects. Too bad so many are the wrong projects](#) - Sacramento Bee
- [Yuba-Sutter agencies adapt to climate change](#) - Appeal-Democrat
- [Exploratory drilling at New Bullards Bar Dam set to begin](#) - The Union
- [Aging levee along Ventura River needs upgrades to protect life, property](#) - VC Star
- [Proposition 3 Will Invest in Improved Flood Protection Projects that Provide Multiple Benefits](#) - Nor Cal Water Blog
- [San Rafael Airport to maintain levees after land swap](#) - Marin Independent Journal
- [California's Largest New Reservoir Likely to Face Water-Access Limits](#) - News Deeply
- [Sacramento Land Owners Fight Bike Path Proposal — And Eminent Domain Threat](#) - Capitol Radio