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# CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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## CALENDAR ALERTS

### **February 2**

Legislative Oversight Hearing on Prop. 1, 9:30 am, State Capitol Room 4202.

### **February 4-5**

Two-day [WEF workshop](#), Water 101, in West Sacramento, \$285 registration.

### **February 19**

Deadline to comment on [Folsom Dam environmental restoration plan](#).

### **February 24**

CVFPB Coordinating Committee Meeting, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Location TBD.

### **\*\*February 24**

[CVFPB Executive Committee Meeting](#), 1:30 pm, 3310 El Camino Ave. Rm 130, Sacramento.

### **\*\*February 25-26**

[Delta Stewardship Council Meeting](#), 9:00 am, 980 Ninth Street, Sacramento.

### **\*\*February 26**

[Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting](#), 9:00 am, 915 I St., Sacramento.

### **March 1**

[Public Hearing](#) to Consider [Proposed Spray Applications Permit](#), 9:00 am, CalEPA, Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I St., Sacramento.

### **March 16**

[CCVFCA 2016 Flood Forum](#), 10:00 am-1:30 pm, Red Lion Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento.

### **March 23**

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

### **April 20-21**

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

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## **KEEPING UP**

*\*\*Check [CCVFCA Website](#) for more information on topics in Flood Flash*

### **SB 554 Headed to Assembly After Unanimously Passing Senate**

Delta flood control legislation authored by Senator Lois Wolk unanimously passed the Senate floor on January 27, 2016. SB 554 will allow the current cost-share for the Delta levee maintenance (subventions) program which authorizes the state to reimburse local flood control agencies for up to 75 percent of levee maintenance and improvement costs to become permanent by proposing to repeal a sunset provision that applies to the existing funding formula. As pointed out in Senator Wolk's [SB 554 press release](#), the success of the Delta Levee Subventions Program has played a big part in helping to significantly reduce levee failures since the cost share formula was adopted nearly three decades ago (1988). The bill now moves to the Assembly for their approval and will likely be referred to the Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee for a hearing on the policy issues before being considered by the fiscal committee and full Assembly.

In addition to being sponsored by the CCVFCA, SB 554 was also recently supported by the Association of CA Water Agencies (ACWA) and the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD). The Delta Stewardship Council will consider supporting the bill at their February meeting.

### **Basin-Wide Feasibility Study Recommends Initial Tentative Option in Yolo Bypass**

At the last CVFPP Coordinating Committee, DWR presented an update on the Sacramento Basin-Wide Feasibility Study (BWFS) with Option 3 as the initial recommendation for the Yolo Bypass, but stated no option will be selected for the Feather River/Sutter Bypass. The initial screening of options in the Yolo Bypass is based on stage reduction and costs. Other objectives of the BWFS include integration of the [SWP/CVP Biological Opinion requirements](#) and inclusion as a Locally Developed Plan in the [USACE Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report](#). Next steps are the release of a Draft Sacramento BWFS in February, a revised Draft in March/April, and eventual incorporation into the [Central Valley Flood Protection Plan](#) during the 2017 update.

### **Water Impoundment Proceeds at New Folsom Dam Spillway**

The next step towards completion of flood control improvements at Folsom Dam reached a milestone recently when eight powerful pumps delivered water into an approach channel and against the new auxiliary spillway control structure. The project is expected to be operational by the end of the year, which is about five months ahead of schedule.

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## **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.)*

['Citizen scientists' use drones to map El Nino flooding](#) - Gillian Flaccus, Associated Press

[Has El Nino stood us up? Forecasters weigh in](#) - Josh Dulaney, Long Beach Press Telegram

[Eager for rain – and floods – on California's floodplain playground: the lower Cosumnes River](#)– California WaterBlog

[California braces for big surf, torrential rain, snow as system draws near](#) - Fox News

[As Nation's Flood Risks Grow, Protecting Wetlands Is More Important Than Ever](#)– NRDC Switchboard

[Wolk levee bill moves forward](#) - Special to the Enterprise

[Water fill means big Folsom Dam spillway project hits milestone](#) - Sacramento Bee

[Officials: Storm might trigger Folsom Lake releases](#)—KCRA 3

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