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# CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

July 11, 2016

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## CALENDAR ALERTS

### July 11

Sac River Temperature Model Training [workshop](#), 9:00am-1:00pm, Sacramento.

### July 19

SWRCB [public hearing](#) on discharge of dredge or fill material, 1001-I St., Sacramento.

### July 21

CVFPB [Exec. Comm. mtg](#), 3310 El Camino Ave., Rm 130, 1:30-5:00 pm.

### July 21

Delta Protection Commission Public Meeting, 5:30pm, Jean Harvie Community Center, Walnut Grove.

### July 21

CVFPB [Advisory Committee mtg](#), Conservation Strategy, 3310 El Camino Ave., Rm 130, Sacramento, 1:00-4:00 pm.

### July 22

CVFPB [public mtg](#), 915-I St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hearing Rm, Sacramento, 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

### July 22

USACE [Regulatory Program workshop](#), 1325 J St., Rm 814, 1:30-4:00 pm, **RSVP by July 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### July 28-29

DSC public mtg, 980-9<sup>th</sup> St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

### Aug. 1

[Deadline](#) to comment on USACE Nationwide Permits.

### Sept. 6

[FMA Annual Conference](#) & Extreme Precipitation Symposium, Sacramento Hyatt Regency Hotel.

### Sept. 6-9

Floodplain Management Association [Annual Conference](#), Sacramento Hyatt

### Sept. 19

USACE [deadline](#) to submit annual WRDA projects.

### Oct. 3

Deadline to submit Prop. 1 [Urban Rivers Grant](#) applications

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## **FEATURED ASSOCIATE MEMBER**



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### **KEEPING UP**

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

#### **Addressing Agricultural Issues in State's Flood Plan**

DWR recently convened agricultural stakeholders to review how farming interests will be affected by the incorporation of Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation (OMRR&R) issues into the 2017 update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) currently under development.

Notes from the [May 27, 2016](#) stakeholder meeting reflect discussion of [CCVFCA's comments](#) submitted on the Sacramento River Basin-Wide Feasibility Study ([SRBWFS](#)), increased scope and costs of maintenance, benefits of upstream storage, and increasing time and costs associated complying with habitat and regulatory requirements.

Soon after the stakeholder meeting, DWR released a [technical memo](#) on *Flood System Long-Term Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation, and Replacement* (OMRR&R) to help managers estimate resource needs and understand the fiscal challenges for funding these activities for SPFC system. The memo reports that the State and Local Maintaining Agencies (LMAs) are spending about \$30 million per year on maintenance of the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) system, but estimates that combined annual expenditures should be \$130 million. Interestingly, rural and urban per-mile levee maintenance costs are very similar according to findings in the tech memo.

#### **Regional Flood Control Projects Discussed at Local Business Breakfast**

Ongoing and future levee projects to reduce the risks of flood were discussed by speakers representing Yuba County and the local flood control agency at the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce's monthly [Business Connection breakfast](#) in June.

Mike Inamine, executive director of Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) talked about the flood protection projects completed so far, and the future improvements ready for implementation. Current work includes a \$295 million levee improvement project to provide a 200-year level of flood protection by repairing and rehabilitating approximately 44 miles from Thermalito Afterbay in Oroville to Star Bend Road in south Yuba County. The construction of slurry walls down the middle of the levee and berms on the landside to prevent seepage are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The next big project to be tackled is the Sutter Basin Flood Risk Management with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which may take three to four years to finish. First, the region will need to ensure the federal funds are appropriated by Congress for the authorized project.

Recent legislative changes to federal flood insurance and building restrictions in floodplains required by FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) were explained by Dan Peterson, a water resources engineer working on flood protection for Yuba County. Within the next year sometime, both Sutter and Yuba Counties will be audited by FEMA for compliance with the building regulations, which will affect the flood insurance price for homeowners.

#### **Special Interest Water Bond Seeking Second Chance**

After failing to gather the signatures necessary to qualify a ballot initiative proposing to shift existing water and high-speed rail bond funding for the November 2016 election, the [California Water Alliance](#) (CWA) plans to amend the wording and try to qualify in two years. CWA hopes that making changes to their initiative will reduce current opposition and increase their chances of success in 2018.

While there is general statewide interest in expediting construction of more surface water storage, including Sites and Temperance flats reservoirs which have been at the top of the list for years, there was widespread opposition to specific provisions in the initiative. Farmers and [organizations in the Sacramento Valley](#) had expressed [opposition to rewriting existing constitutional water rights protections](#) to elevate urban use above agriculture or other established senior water rights, and formed an official "[Stop the Water Grab](#)" campaign. In addition, the building trades and [transportation industry were gearing up](#) to oppose shifting \$8 billion in remaining high-speed rail bond funds to water storage.

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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.)*

- [Levee work focus of gathering](#) - appealdemocrat.com
  - [Gallagher's surface storage bill passes one committee](#) - appealdemocrat.com
  - [Boom! Blasting schedule for Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway](#) - Sacramento Bee
  - [Group will revamp anti-HSR initiative](#) - The Sentinel
  - [PG&E closes gas storage field in delta after finding leaks](#) - SF Gate
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