



CALENDAR ALERTS

July 28

Delta Protection Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church, 14120 Grand Ave, Walnut Grove. Meeting Agenda and Notice available at: http://www.delta.ca.gov/res/docs/DPAC/06.29.15_DPAC_Meeting/DPAC%20agenda%207.28.15.pdf

July 28

BDCP public meeting on recirculated EIR/EIS and new Preferred Alternative 4A, from 3:00-7:00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Sacramento, 1230 J Street. Meeting notice available at: <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/2015PublicReview/2015PublicOpenHouseMeetings.aspx>

July 29

BDCP public meeting on recirculated EIR/EIS and new Preferred Alternative 4A, from 3:00-7:00 pm at the Jean Harvie Community Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove. Meeting notice available at: <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/2015PublicReview/2015PublicOpenHouseMeetings.aspx>

July 30

Water Storage Investment Program public meeting, 6:00-8:00 pm, Davis Veterans Memorial Center at 203 East 14th St, https://cwc.ca.gov/Pages/2015/07_July/073015PublicMeetingAgenda.aspx with live webcast option also available: <http://cwc.videoss.com>.

August 5

Deadline to comment on IS/MND for Liberty Island Ecological Reserve and Land Management Plan to implement habitat enhancements in the Yolo Bypass. (*More info below in "Keeping Up" section*)

September 14

Deadline to comment of CVFPP's Draft Conservation Strategy The Draft Strategy, executive summary and all related appendices are available on DWR's website: http://www.water.ca.gov/conservationstrategy/cs_new.cfm.

September 23

Infrastructure "Funding Fair," Sacramento County Sanitation, 10060 Goethe Rd, 8:30 am – Noon. Registration Required: <https://www.events.rcac.org/assnfe/ev.asp?MODE=&ID=497>

October 13

San Joaquin Co. Preseason Flood Coordination meeting, 9:00-11:00 am, Cabral Center (SJC EOC), 2101 E. Earhart Ave, Assembly Room 3, Stockton.

October 15

Sutter Region Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting, 9:00-11:30 am, Whiteaker Hall, 44 Second St, Yuba City.

October 22

Sacramento Region Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting, 9:00-11:30 am, CVRWB, 11020 Sun Center Dr, Rancho Cordova

October 31 (DATE UPDATED)

Deadline has been extended 60 days to comment on BDCP's new Preferred Project and EIR/EIS recirculation for public review. Documents and information about the new alternatives and where to submit written comments will be available on BDCP's website: <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/2015PublicReview/PublicReviewRDEIRSDEIS/>

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KEEPING UP

100-Year Flood Protection for Small Communities Protected by Project Levees

At the July 22nd CVFPP Coordinating Committee meeting, DWR staff provided an update on their progress in finalizing a new levee funding program to help small communities protected by State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) project levees with a population less than 10,000 to achieve a 100-year level of flood protection. More information on the status of this new State funding program is in the attached DWR PowerPoint.

Science Panel Renders Critical, but Constructive, Evaluation of Delta Levee Investment Methodology

Although not scheduled to be discussed until after the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) considers approving a set of Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS) Principles, a recent draft report by an Independent Science Panel is critical of the robustness and credibility of the current methodology, technical studies, and planning tool currently being developed by DSC as part of their DLIS project. Asked to evaluate the scientific basis of the proposed DLIS methodology, the Panel cautioned that premature release and application of the DLIS methodology and planning tool can lead to "major credibility issues and greatly diminish the usefulness of the Planning Tool in the short and long term." The Panel offers numerous recommendations to improve the quality of the products developed so far. To read the full report, *click here*: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/methodology-and-scientific-basis-support-delta-levee-investment-strategy>.

Meanwhile, at their July 24th meeting, the DSC will consider adopting Revised DLIS Principles that prioritize future State investment in urban levees, protection of SWP/CVP water conveyance, and ecosystem enhancements; leaving levee maintenance to reclamation districts/property owners and expecting the majority of the rural Delta (Primary Zone) and non-project levees to rely on non-structural approaches to reducing flood risk rather than receiving funding from the State for levee maintenance and improvement. The Revised DLIS Principles are available on DSC's website: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/delta-stewardship-council-july-23-24-2015-meeting-agenda-item-14-attachment-1-revised-draft>.

DSC Staff Confusion on RD Funding Sources Results in Faulty Assumptions and Conclusions

While appreciative of the DSC's response to CCVFCA's request for an analysis of Delta reclamation district (RD) funding to be included in the development of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS), the DSC staff report unfortunately blends two separate State funding sources together (Delta Levee Subventions and Special Projects Program) that have different purposes and cost-shares, resulting in faulty assumptions and conclusions that provide little value to the development of DLIS or goal of reducing the risk of flooding in the Delta. Association representatives will testify at DSC's July 24th meeting to correct the inaccuracies and explain the distinct purpose and benefits associated with each of the individual Delta levee funding programs in order to provide the Council with a more accurate depiction and better understanding of State expenditures, as well as clarify the typical Delta RD annual revenues and expenses associated with levee activities.

DSC staff Memo is available here, <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/delta-stewardship-council-july-23-24-2015-meeting-agenda-item-15-reclamation-district-funding> and DSC staff Report here, <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/delta-stewardship-council-july-23-24-2015-meeting-agenda-item-15-attachment-1-report-delta>.

State Climatologist Weighs In on El Nino Probability

State Climatologist Dr. Michael Anderson released a new Fact Sheet this week on El Nino that provides some perspective by looking at El Nino events over the last 50 years: http://water.ca.gov/waterconditions/docs/Drought_ENSO_jul2015_handout.pdf

State Promotes Financial Resources Available for Infrastructure Projects at "Funding Fairs"

Did you know California has a specific government entity to facilitate and expedite the completion of infrastructure projects by combining the resources of six state and federal funding agencies? Can you name the State entity in charge of this infrastructure funding effort? Can you name the six state and federal agencies? (*Hint: DWR is one of them*) If you would like to know more about funding resources for your flood control infrastructure project and the "Funding Fair" on September 23 in Sacramento, click here: <http://www.cfcc.ca.gov/>. Funding Fair Questions? Please call (916) 447-9832, ext. 1029.

State Continues Effort to Quantify Benefits of Water Storage Projects

For those interested in the future of new water storage in our state, the California Water Commission is holding a series of public meetings to provide information on their statutory mandate to define the public benefits. The meetings will be held on July 27 in Napa, July 30 in Davis, and August 10 in Bakersfield; all three starting at 6:00 p.m. (*see the attached agendas and save the date for meeting details*). Meeting materials are also posted at the following link: <https://cwc.ca.gov/Pages/Meetings.aspx>. More information about the California Water Commission's Water Storage Investment Program is at their website: <https://cwc.ca.gov/Pages/PublicBenefits1.aspx>.

DWR Pre-Season Briefings for Flood Managers Scheduled Statewide

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced their 2015 schedule for statewide Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings, including dates and locations in Sacramento and Yuba City. Designed for flood managers and first responders, these important emergency preparedness briefings will provide the opportunity to review flood emergency procedures, protocol, roles and responsibilities, availability of flood fighting resources, vulnerabilities and other flood concerns, and updates from local agencies in that particular region.

In addition to DWR, partner agencies presenting include the National Weather Service, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, CA Conservation Corps, County Offices of Emergency Services, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The meeting notice will be mailed to all agencies in DWR's Directory of Flood Officials and a link is available here: http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/docs/2015_preseason_meeting_flyer.pdf

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.)

Construction Date One Step Closer for Flood Improvements in South Sacramento -

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/water-and-drought/article28011799.html>

Ranchers in CA, NM, and Washington file lawsuit against the "Waters of the U.S." rule by U.S. EPA and Army Corp -

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/article27402325.html>

El Nino to the Rescue?

More news stories on the potential power and probability of El Nino rainstorms this winter.

- [Orange County Register](#)
- [LA Times](#)
- [Valley Public Radio](#)
- [Discovery News](#)
- [KESQ/CBS News](#)
- [KRON News](#)
- [L.A. Daily News](#)
- [CBS Evening News](#)