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CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

January 14

[CA Water Action Plan Seminar](#), 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Sacramento Convention Center.

******January 15

Deadline to comment on [CVIFMS](#).

******January 20

[USACE public meeting](#) on Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway, 5-7pm, Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St., Folsom.

January 21

[Delta Protection Commission Meeting](#), 5:30 pm, Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 6446 Riverside Blvd.

January 22

[Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting](#), 9:00 am, Sacramento City Hall Council Chambers, 915 I Street.

******January 27

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

January 28-29

[Delta Stewardship Council Meeting](#), 980 Ninth Street, Sacramento .

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

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

March 1

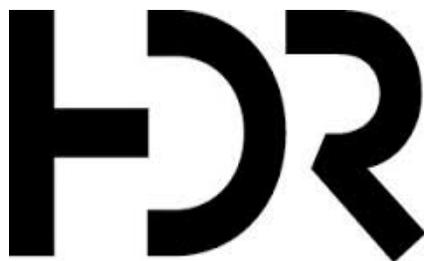
[Public Hearing](#) to Consider [Proposed Spray Applications Permit](#), 9:00 am, CalEPA, Coastal Hearing Room 1001 I St., Sacramento.

April 20-21

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

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KEEPING UP

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State Hopes to Optimize Stormwater as a Valuable Water Resource

After working with stakeholders and holding public workshops, the State Water Resources Control Board recently adopted a new statewide Strategy To Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater ([STORMS](#)) that proposes treating stormwater as a valuable water resource rather than as a waste or a nuisance. An overall goal of the strategy is to leverage existing regulatory tools to better focus on incentive-driven multiple benefit approaches and collaboration that achieve tangible results in terms of both improved water quality and supply. The intent is to establish priorities, focus energy and resources, and ensure that staff and stakeholders are working toward a common goal.

Folsom Dam Environmental Restoration Plan Released for Public Comment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a public meeting to discuss a supplemental environmental assessment/environmental impact report for proposal to restore lands disturbed by construction of the new [Folsom Dam auxiliary spillway](#). The meeting will be at the Folsom Community Center (52 Natoma St., Folsom) from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Written comments will also be accepted through February 19, 2016 via email to Clayton.v.Carithers@usace.army.mil or by postal mail to USACE Sacramento District, Attention Mr. Clay Carithers, 1325 J St., Sacramento, CA, 95814. The project is on track for completion in October 2017.

Future Sacramento River Watershed Flood Projects Proposed by USACE

As a follow-up to an informational meeting in December, an [informal public review](#) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study ([CVIFMS](#)) is open until January 15, 2016. The document is also undergoing agency technical review and USACE South Pacific Division planning and policy review.

[CVIFMS is intended](#) to be the federal companion to the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP), which is the state's plan for long-term, system-wide flood management in the Central Valley. Using existing data from previous studies and existing requests (authorities) from Congress, CVIFMS is a preliminary high-level analysis to identify more-focused studies and specific projects for the future. A final watershed plan is scheduled to be released by mid-March 2016.

After dividing the [Sacramento River watershed](#) up into 50 opportunity areas, possible measures were evaluated, with four near-term studies being identified as having potential:

1. Examine inland effects of climate change;
2. San Joaquin River watershed study (CVIFMS Part II);
3. Central Valley reservoir re-operation study; and
4. Middle and Upper Sacramento River Basin study.

Mid-to long-term studies suggested by CVIFMS include:

- Non-structural flood plain management services;
- Upper American River and tributaries study; and
- Ecosystem restoration studies under continuing authorities or tribal partnerships.

CCVFCA and its members will continue to work with our federal and state partners on coordinating CVIFMS with the CVFPP to chart a path towards implementation of flood protection projects in the Central Valley.

Questions and public comments on CVIFMS should be directed to CVIFMS@usace.army.mil or (916) 557-5100.

CAL OES Announces Grant Program for Valley and Butte Wildfire Areas

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has announced the establishment of the [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) (HMGP) for the Valley and Butte Fires (DR-4240) to provide funding for the implementation of [activities](#), including flood risk reduction projects. These projects will be implemented using grant funds from FEMA, which provides up to 75 percent federal share toward the total eligible activity cost. Eligible applicants are required to submit a [Notice of Interest \(NOI\)](#) by midnight on January 29, 2016. Projects must meet criteria specified in FEMA's 2013 [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) guidance](#). Contact HMGP@caloes.ca.gov with questions regarding the grant program or completion of NOI.

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.)

El Nino has Arrived

- [This Year's El Niño Is On Track To Rival The Worst On Record](#) - The Huffington Post
- [California braces for series of El Nino storms](#) - Associated Press
- [El Nino Storms Slam Drought-Parched California](#) - ABC News
- [El Niño arrives, bringing rain and snow](#) - Sacramento Bee
- [El Niño: It's Here!](#) - FOX 11 Los Angeles
- [El Niño delivers rainiest Sacramento day in 13 months](#) - Sacramento Bee
- [Meteorologists: 'Darth Niño' storms into record books](#) - ASSOCIATED PRESS
- [El Nino storm sets rain records in California](#) - Los Angeles Times
- [El Niño Isn't Letting Up](#) - Pacific Standard
- [The Godzilla El Niño now drenching California is getting a boost ...](#) - Discover Magazine
- [Hola El Nino! Weeks of storms hit Central Coast](#) - KSBW The Central Coast
- [Another El Nino storm lashes California coast, streets flood](#) - Associated Press

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