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CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

Nov. 18

Deadline to [nominate](#) candidates for DPC's 2017 [Delta Leadership Program](#)

Nov. 28

Deadline for selected stakeholders to comment on Working Draft 2017 CVFPP.

Nov. 30

Deadline to submit Delta habitat [restoration proposals](#) to DWR.

Dec. 7

Deadline to submit [applications](#) for WEF's 2017 [Water Leadership Class](#).

Dec. 8

DPC Committee on Delta Levee Financing Study, 1416-9th St., Rm 1407-17, 11:00 am

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CCVFCA Seeks Clarification of Delta Levee Eligibility for FEMA Disaster Assistance

To eliminate current uncertainty regarding the eligibility of Delta non-project levees for repair under [FEMA's disaster assistance](#) program, [CCVFCA formally requested](#) the State to obtain confirmation on the status of these levees.

The confusion about whether federal aid will be provided this winter in the Delta stems from FEMA terminating in December 2012 a [MOU](#) with the State for conditional eligibility for these levees. The MOU only applied to RDs that are located within the boundary of the legal Delta, not to any adjacent levees.

DWR Engages in Preliminary Discussions on Working Draft of 2017 CVFPP

Presentations on elements of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) that are being worked on as part of the 2017 update have been made by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) at recent Coordinating Committee meetings. Presentations include information on flood management [policy recommendations](#); advisory committee [recommendations on Conservation Strategy](#); and new financing updates on [investment strategy, funding mechanisms and amounts](#), and list of [projects and operations](#) to be funded.

A working draft has also been provided to certain stakeholders, such as CCVFCA, for a preliminary “red flag” review before it is released to the public for comment. DWR will use the input from both venues to refine the 2017 Draft which will be presented to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) at their [December 16, 2017](#) board meeting.

New Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group Created

Pursuant to the Governor's signing of [AB 2800](#) (Quirk), the CA Natural Resources Agency is required to establish a Climate-Safe Infrastructure Working Group to examine how to integrate scientific data on climate change impacts into state infrastructure engineering designs. The group of registered professional engineers from Department of Water Resources, Department of Transportation and other state agencies, licensed architects, and climate scientists are directed to submit specified recommendations to the State Legislature and the State's Strategic Growth Council.

Sponsored by the [Union of Concerned Scientists](#) (UCS), the bill is intended to ensure that costly infrastructure projects remain safe and reliable as climate change results in higher temperatures, more frequent and intense extreme weather events, and accelerated sea level rise.

New Website to Encourage and Facilitate Connecting Applicants with Water Jobs

In response to a recent estimate that 30% of water professionals will retire by 2018, four water associations ([CWEA](#), [CASA](#), [CA-NV AWWA](#), [Baywork](#)) have joined forces to launch a website called [CAWaterJobs.org](#) to match water agency job openings with Californians interested in a career with a rewarding purpose, new challenges, and good benefits.

The website makes it easier to search for available jobs through mechanisms such as signing up for e-mail job alerts on a mobile phone. If interested in supporting this effort, water agencies can join the [CA Water Jobs Partnership](#), [post a job](#) on the site, share the site with your community, and send any recruiting slogan ideas to Director of Communications, [Alec Mackie](#).

IN THE NEWS

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- [New California Law May Unleash 'Billions Of Dollars' For Water](#) - Water Online
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- [Is Sites Reservoir a Savior for Sacramento Valley - or a Delta tunnels project in disguise?](#) - Sacramento Bee
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- [Weather forecast: La Nina is here, may last through winter](#) - WJLA
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- [New and better weather satellites continue to improve our forecasting](#) - San Luis Obispo Tribune
 - [RESERVOIR AND WATER CONDITIONS for November 14](#) - Maven's Notebook
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 - [Students learn of past flooding, How to stay safe now](#) - Fox 40
 - [Leaders vent frustration for long-delayed Pajaro River levee project](#) - Santa Cruz Sentinel
 - [Sites Reservoir backers prepare to seek bond money](#) - Capital Press
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 - [NOAA's latest prediction on this winter season](#) - WWLP
 - [California eyes more Sacramento River water for fish, less for farms, cities](#) - Sacramento Bee
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