



CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY
FLOOD CONTROL
ASSOCIATION

CCVFCA'S Flood Flash

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CALENDAR ALERTS

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.

******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

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Registration is open for the CCVFCA 2016 Flood Forum

Mark your calendars for March 16th, when CCVFCA will hold their [2016 Annual Flood Forum](#) and luncheon. A panel of experts will present their views on this year's topic: How can agencies improve coordination of individual funding requests to maximize financial support for flood protection projects and programs in the Central Valley? [Early bird registration is available now.](#)

This Week's Coordinating Committee Focusing on State's Systemwide Study

The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Coordinating Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 27th, 9:00 am to noon, at the West Sacramento City Hall is dedicated to a comprehensive update by DWR on its Sacramento River Basinwide Feasibility Study. If you cannot attend in person, you can participate via a conference line: 1-302-202-1098, access code #9245186.

Successful Delta Levee Funding Formula One Step Closer to Becoming Permanent

Delta flood control legislation authored by Senator Lois Wolk, and sponsored by CCVFCA, unanimously passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on January 21, 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 Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) recently acknowledged in a 2010 report that the Delta Levee Subventions Program in particular has significantly reduced levee failures since the cost share formula was adopted nearly three decades ago (1988). Senator Wolk also extolled the fiscal benefits of the current levee funding formula, "The Delta Levee Subventions Program has been one of the most effective programs for maintaining and repairing Delta levees, and it's time we make it permanent."

The bill now moves to the Senate Floor, and will likely be placed on the Consent Calendar since the bill has no registered opposition and received unanimous "AYE" votes in policy and appropriations committees.

Senator Wolk Honored for Leadership in Protecting Delta's Values

At The Nature Conservancy (TNC) recently honored Senator Lois Wolk with their "Staten Island Conservation Partner" award for her leadership in advancing policies, funding, and collaborative efforts by farmers and conservationists to preserve the Delta economy and environment.

TNC's announcement coincided with their anniversary celebration of when they purchased Staten Island in the Delta fifteen years ago to protect crane habitat through wildlife-friendly farming practices. Today, TNC is proud of the fact that through their successful partnerships with local farmers and state agencies, about fifteen percent of the greater sandhill crane population in the Central Valley winters on Staten Island.

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 Rain Continues

- [El Nino Peaks, Parts of California Face Flooding \(VIDEO\)](#)-AgWeb
- [El Niño not fizzling: More storms barreling toward California](#)-Paul Rogers, San Jose Mercury News
- [El Niño now equal to largest on record -- NOAA](#)-Jeremy P. Jacobs, E&E reporter
- [El Niño to peak within next month](#)-USA TODAY
- [What to expect for the rest of the year's El Nino](#)-CNBC
- [Urgency to prepare grows as El Niño rolls into Sacramento region](#)-Sacramento Bee
- [Enhanced El Niño storm track has finally emerged; Active pattern likely throughout California next 2-3 months](#) - Weather West

- [Rainstorms beget flooded roads in Butte County](#)-Chico Enterprise Record
 - [Eager for rain – and floods – on California’s floodplain playground: the lower Cosumnes River](#)-Andrew Nichols, California Water blog
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