

CALENDAR ALERTS

- **April 13th** - Public Assistance [briefing](#), 3650 Schreiver Ave, Mather, Sacramento, 1:00-4:00 pm
- **April 14th** - Public Assistance [briefing](#), Community Ctr, 1500 So. Jackson St., Red Bluff, 1:00-4:00 pm
- **April 17th** - DPC levee funding [subcommittee](#) mtg, 1416-9th St, Sacramento, 11:00 am
- **April 17th** - Public Assistance [briefing](#), Merced Co. OES, 3500 N. Apron Ave., Atwater, 1:00-4:00 pm
- **April 17th** - Rep. Garamendi [Town Hall](#) mtg, 1489 Meyers St, Oroville, 5:00 pm
- **April 18th** - [Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) Webinar, registration required (details below)
- April 20th** - [Seminar](#) on financing stormwater projects, 1001-I St, 10:00-11:30 am
- **April 25th** - Deadline to submit Request for [Public Assistance](#) for FEMA reimbursement
- **April 25th** - Deadline to [comment](#), USACE Notice to Accept DWR Funds
- **April 28th** - CVFPP [workshop](#), 915-I St, Sacramento, immediately following CVFPB meeting
- **May 5th** - CVFPP [workshop](#), 1110 Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, 10:00am-2:00pm
- **May 5th** - Deadline to [apply](#) for PL 84-99 levee rehabilitation assistance
- **May 12th** - Deadline to apply for [BIMID Manager](#) position
- May 9th** - ACWA Spring [Conference](#), Monterey
- **May 19th** - CVFPP [workshop](#), 915-I St, Sacramento, immediately following CVFPB meeting
- **June 2nd** - CVFPP [workshop](#), 1110 Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- **June 9th** - CVFPP [workshop](#), 915-I St, Sacramento, immediately following CVFPB meeting

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

Appellate Court Concludes Schools and Roads Required to Pay Property Assessments

In 2015, CCVFCA [filed a brief](#) supporting RD 17's appeal of a lower court decision regarding flood protection assessments, so is pleased by the recent [appellate court decision](#) clarifying inconsistency between Water Code statutes and the State Constitution. The Third Court of Appeal concluded that schools and roads are [no longer exempted](#) from paying local property assessments because the Constitutional provision added by Prop. 218 supersedes other existing statutes. The [court confirmed](#) that pursuant to the passage of Prop. 218 by voters in 1996, parcels owned by public agencies are explicitly prohibited from being exempted from local assessments unless the landowning agency can prove their parcels receive no benefits.

This decision validates the authority of local agencies to collect assessments from public agencies for schools, roads and highways protected from flood damage by levee and drainage facilities; and assures that the costs of providing flood protection are proportionally allocated among all property owners.

FEMA and USACE Accepting Applications for Emergency Assistance and Levee Repairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is [accepting applications](#) through May 5, 2017 for Public Law 84-99 (PL 84-99) [levee rehabilitation assistance](#) for State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities in the Sacramento River basin that were damaged in the series of storms in January through March. Only levees that are "Active" status in the PL 84-99 program are eligible for USACE assistance. The USACE will open application period for other areas such as the Delta and San Joaquin River basin at a later date.

As part of the latest federal declaration of disaster by President Trump, public agencies that have experienced storm damage and incurred emergency response expenses, including special districts (RDs), are eligible for federal reimbursement and encouraged to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) [application](#) to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). Applicants must also provide a [DUNS](#) number for their agency. To understand the difference between federal and state disaster assistance programs, CalOES prepared a [program comparison](#) chart and a [guide](#) and [advisory](#) describing the application process. Applications for assistance are due no later than April 25, 2017.

CalOES has also scheduled a series of applicant [briefings](#) throughout the state:

Sacramento	April 13 1:00-4:00 pm	CalOES Hdqtrs, 3650 Schreiver Ave, Mather
Tehama	April 14 1:00-4:00 pm	Community Ctr, 1500 So. Jackson St., Red Bluff
Merced	April 17 1:00-4:00 pm	Merced Co. OES, 3500 N. Apron Ave., Atwater

USACE Releases Proposal to Facilitate Implementation of CVFPP & SPFC Projects

To expedite processing of permit applications related to State Plan of Flood Control system OMRR&R and implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP), the Army Corps is [proposing to accept funding](#) contributions from the Department of Water Resources. Funds would be expended primarily on the labor and overhead of USACE regulatory personnel processing permit applications and would be deposited into a separate account so the contributions can be tracked.

The public is invited to submit comments on the proposal ([SPK-2017-00271](#)) by April 25, 2017 to: USACE, Sacramento District, Regulatory Division, 1325 J St., Room 1350, Sacramento, CA, 95814-2922, Attention: Michael Nepstad or emailed to michael.g.nepstad@usace.army.mil.

Huge Snowpack Keeps Delta Boating Restriction in Place

Due to the extremely large snowpack in the Sierras, the San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services will keep [boating restrictions](#) in place for the San Joaquin River, including prohibiting recreational boating in the South Delta and enforcing speed restrictions near Discovery Bay.

DWR Releases Revised SJR Basin-Wide Feasibility Study

A [revised draft](#) of the San Joaquin River Basin-Wide Feasibility Study that addresses the comments previously submitted by stakeholders was recently [released by DWR](#). The Study refines the large-scale actions associated with development of the [2017 update](#) of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

New Executive Officer at CA Water Commission

[Joe Yun](#) has been announced as the new [Executive Officer](#) of the CA Water Commission (CWC), replacing Paula Landis who retired last June. His prior experience includes 28 years working in water management and planning at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and private consulting firms.

Delta Reclamation District Manager Position Open

The Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District (BIMID) is seeking qualified candidates to apply for full time District Manager position. Bethel Island is one of the 8 western Delta islands with 11.5 miles of levee and a 20-mile drainage system. Interested candidates have until May 12, 2017 to submit a resume and cover letter to BIMID, P.O. Box 244, Bethel Island, CA, 94511, Attention Jeff Butzlaff or email to ljbutzlaff@yahoo.com.

Oroville Dam Update

DWR recently announced the [plan to replace](#) the damaged spillway at Oroville Dam. Even though design plans are only currently at about 60% complete and no cost estimates for the project were provided by DWR, the intent is to [select a contractor](#) to begin project construction next week.

To further expedite repairs of the Oroville spillways before next winter, Governor Brown issued another executive order ([EO B-39-17](#)) on April 6th to streamline permitting requirements by suspending and [waiving compliance](#) with several state laws including CEQA. He also requested another Presidential Disaster Declaration on [March 19th](#).

In the meantime, clean-up continues at Oroville spillway with about 1.2 million cubic yards of debris being removed so far. Revelations about [bedrock under spillway](#) and the original design and construction of Oroville Reservoir and recent weather conditions and maintenance issues continue to be [investigated](#). However, elected officials, journalists, and the public are [frustrated](#) by a [cloak of secrecy](#) being shrouded around some of the independent panel reports, emergency response costs, and who will be paying. On the upside, President Trump announced that California would be receiving about [\\$540 million](#) in federal assistance, including \$274 million for clean-up and repairs at Oroville spillway.

Hazardous Mitigation Assistance

As a result of recent flooding, the Watershed University is hosting a [series of one hour webinars](#) to be held each month. The first webinar scheduled from 12:00-1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18th will have CalOES staff presenting information on the three [hazard mitigation programs](#). The Webinar login is www.webmeeting.att.com, Meeting # is 877-336-1829, and Code is 8841488. No password required. To receive regular updates on monthly webinar topics, [register at Eventbrite](#). Watershed University is a cooperative effort led by California [Silver Jackets](#), providing free education and networking opportunities for California professionals in floodplain management.

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.)

- [Sierra Snowpack, Well Above Normal, Raises Flooding Concerns](#) - Click Lancashire Independent News
- [California's Snowpack, One of Deepest Recorded in State History, Now Poses Flooding Risk](#) - KTLA 5
- [Agencies support Temperance Flat dam project](#) - The Fresno Bee
- [Hyatt Powerhouse releases resume after maintenance shutdown](#) - Oroville MR
- [Are Oroville Dam Spillway Reports now 'secret' due to CA Department of Water Resources requesting CEII status?](#) - Catholic Online
- [When Public Works employed millions](#) - Marketplace
- [Merced County to receive portion of relief funding approved by Trump](#) - Merced Sun-Star
- [Flooding causes explosion of mosquitoes in Stanislaus County; districts to seek FEMA funds](#) - The Modesto Bee
- [Water Agencies urge development of Temperance Flat Reservoir](#) - The Porterville Reporter
- [California snowpack healthy again, but warming looms large](#) - Tahoe Daily Tribune
- [DWR dams upstream of Oroville also had extensive spillway repairs, began spilling last week](#) - California Water Research
- [Flood Management Requires Planning and Nimbleness](#) - NCWA
- [Flood Protection in the Sacramento Valley Lessons Learned...](#) - NCWA
- [Northern Sierra is now only 5 inches from wettest water year on record](#) - SF Gate
- [Unheeded warnings past, future bring big consequences](#) - Ventura County Star
- [Survey says - April snowpack nearly twice average](#) - Folsom Telegraph
- [Storm to slam California with flooding, mountain snow and wind](#) - Accu Weather
- [California stormwater 'fee' bill should be flushed down the drain](#) - OC Register
- [IOUS paying for Corcoran levee work](#) - Hanford Sentinel
- [DWR excavating Diversion Pool under emergency federal permit](#) - Chico ER
- [Editorial: Too many dam questions, not enough answers](#) - Chico ER
- [Lake Oroville looks to have room for oncoming storm runoff](#) - Chico ER
- [Spring Storm to Build on Already Historic California Snowpack](#) - NBC Los Angeles
- [State grants \\$1.5 million to help keep small communities above the water](#) - Daily Democrat
- [Snowpack causes concern for possible spring flooding](#) - KRCR TV
- [Innovative stormwater project nurtures the American River](#) - CSUS
- [HELL OR HIGH WATER: WHAT FLOODS MEAN FOR WILDLIFE](#) - FISHBIO
- [Have we underestimated the West's super-floods?](#) -High Country News
- [Mighty L.A. water agency wants a share of Valley's Sites Reservoir – and is willing to pay](#) - The Sacramento Bee
- [California Storms: This rainy season now ranks 2nd time in 122 years of record](#) - Mercury News
- [Scientists link California droughts and floods to distinctive atmospheric waves](#) - PHYS.ORG
- [DWR sets Nov. 1 deadline for Oroville Dam spillway repairs](#) - KCRA
- [Will Precipitation Record Set by 1982-83 El Nino Fall?](#) - Surfline
- [Sites Reservoir gets an important ally](#) - The Sacramento Bee
- [How 'Incompetent Rock' Led to the Oroville Dam Crisis](#) - KQED