



## Council will conduct additional DLIS public meeting

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) will hold an additional public meeting on the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS), January 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Brentwood Community Center. The Council has initiated the study to update priorities for State investments in the Delta levee system to reduce the likelihood of levee failures and the associated consequences. Map to the meeting location is [here](#). Project information and updates are [here](#).



Also, DWR [certified](#) that its Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project is consistent with the Council's Delta Plan. The December 15 filing opens a 30-day public review period. Instructions on how to file an appeal are [here](#).

## DWR posts application for 2nd round of flood grants

DWR has posted the [guidelines and proposal solicitation](#) for the second round of the [Flood Emergency Response Projects – Statewide Grants](#). These grants provide funding for local emergency responders outside of the legal Delta to improve their capacity to respond to flood emergencies. The 60-day application period began December 9 and ends February 9. For any questions, contact Laurence Sanati at [laurence.sanati@water.ca.gov](mailto:laurence.sanati@water.ca.gov) or 916-574-0449.



## SWRCB appoints new Delta Watermaster

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has announced the appointment of Michael George as the [new Delta Watermaster](#).



## San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science is posted

The [December 2014 issue](#) of *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science* is now posted. Articles included are “Dispersion Mechanisms of a Tidal River Junction in the Delta,” “Physically Based Modeling of Delta Island Consumptive Use: Fabian Tract and Staten Island,” and “An Evaluation of Otolith Thermal Marking at the Feather River Hatchery.” The journal is published jointly by the Delta Stewardship Council, the University of California, Davis, and the John Muir Institute of the Environment.



## Independent science panel completes annual review

An independent science panel has completed the 2014 Long-term Operations Biological Opinions Annual Science Review of the actions required under the Endangered Species Act related to Chinook salmon, steelhead, green sturgeon, and Delta smelt for operations of the State and federal water projects. The purpose of the review is to inform the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about the effectiveness of regulatory actions prescribed by their respective Reasonable and Prudent Alternative actions. More information is [here](#).



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