



## Design and construction tentative agreement is posted

DWR and a Joint Powers Authority, comprised of public water agencies, will collaborate on the design and construction of California WaterFix, should various State and federal regulators permit the project, and should the public water agencies pursue the project. The terms, by which DWR and the water agencies would coordinate, are in this [tentative agreement](#). More information is in this [news release](#).



Also, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) have released the [draft biological assessment for California WaterFix](#) as to whether the project meets the U.S. Endangered Species Act specified standard and also proposes mitigation, monitoring, adaptive management, and other actions DWR and Reclamation may take to ensure that California WaterFix will avoid, minimize, or compensate for the potential impacts resulting from incidental take of listed species and habitat loss. More information is in this [news release](#).

## CVFPB meeting has updates on Operations and Project Branches

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) will meet January 22 in Sacramento. Agenda items include the Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report, an update on the South Sacramento County Streams Project, and updates on activities of the Operations Branch and the Projects Branch. Agenda, webcast link, and supporting materials are [here](#).



## Council meeting has update on Delta Levees Investment Strategy

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) will meet January 28 in Sacramento. Agenda items include the Council's year in review, Delta Plan Performance Measures, an endorsement of the Issue Paper, *Improving Habitats along Delta Levees*, and an update on the development of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy. Public meeting notice is [here](#).



## Conservancy submits methodology for adoption

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) submitted *Carbon Offset Methodology for Wetlands and Rice in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, San Francisco Estuary and Coastal California* to the American Carbon Registry (ACR) for adoption for the voluntary climate market. Subsequent to approval by the ACR, the methodology will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board for adoption into the California Cap-and-Trade Program. It is now available for public comment until February 12. The methodology and how to submit comments are [here](#).



## New edition of the IEP newsletter is now online

A [new edition](#) of the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) newsletter is now available online. Articles include:

- 2014 Status and Trends Report for Pelagic Fishes of the Upper San Francisco Estuary.
- Central Valley Chinook Salmon Harvest and Escapement: 1975-2014.
- 2013-2014 Yolo Bypass Fisheries Monitoring Status and Trends Report.
- Benthic Monitoring, 2014.
- Estimating Annual Abundance of White Sturgeon 85-116 and  $\geq 169$  Centimeters Total Length.



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