



Senate committees plan joint hearing on BDCP issues

A [joint informational hearing](#) on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) will be held Tuesday, April 30, at the State Capitol. The [Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee](#) and the [Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#) will provide an overview of issues related to the BDCP. An audio link to the hearing will be available.

Comment period opened for additional Delta Plan document

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) has opened a 15-day comment period for an [additional document](#) related to the Delta Plan. A modified [economic and fiscal impact statement](#) has been submitted to reflect the revised cost analysis for proposed Delta Plan regulations. Instructions for submitting comments are available on the [DSC website](#). The deadline is Thursday, May 9.

Stockton-area levees receive upgrades, improve ratings

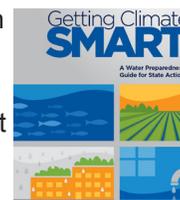
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has upgraded the maintenance ratings for seven Stockton-area levee systems, making them eligible for federal rehabilitation assistance. The systems along Bear Creek and Mormon Slough had been rated unacceptable before San Joaquin County made repairs. The levees are sponsored by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and maintained by the county. Details are available on the [USACE website](#).

CVFPB to receive levee results, progress report

The next meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) will be tomorrow, [April 26](#), in Sacramento. It will include a briefing from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on levee inspection results. There will also be a progress report from DWR on items related to implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

Guide provides strategies to deal with climate change effects

The [Natural Resources Defense Council](#) and the organization American Rivers have put together a guide to help states prepare for the water-related effects of climate change. [Getting Climate Smart: A Water Preparedness Guide for State Action](#) includes a top-10 list of strategies that are cost-effective and flexible. Highlights of the guide will be covered during a [one-hour webinar](#) on Tuesday, May 14.



Brown bag series will look at difficulties for tidal marsh habitats

The next installment of the Delta Science Program's brown bag series will look at how the uncertainty of climate change is making it difficult to make plans for tidal marsh habitats. Sam Veloz from [Point Reyes Bird Observatory Conservation Science](#) will discuss prioritizing conservation and restoration efforts. His presentation will be Monday, April 29, in Sacramento. Details are available in [this flier](#).

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