



National Academies plans 5 days of delta meetings at UC Davis

A National Academies committee on Sustainable Water and Environmental Management in the California Bay-Delta will conduct a series of public and closed meetings at UC Davis from Sunday, Jan. 24, to Thursday, Jan. 28. [You can find meeting details here.](#) Congress called for a committee of experts to review the scientific basis of actions taken to achieve an environmentally sustainable Bay-Delta and a reliable water supply. The committee is scheduled to complete its first report by March 15. [For more information on the committee, go here.](#)

Abandoned vessels topic of meeting set for Jan. 20

The next meeting of the Delta Protection Commission's Abandoned Vessels Discussion Group will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market St., in Walnut Grove. [An agenda will be available soon and posted here.](#) Adrienne Klein, chief of enforcement at San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, will discuss BCDC's programs and opportunities for collaboration. The Delta Protection Commission initiated an Abandoned Vessels Discussion Group in 2006 to coordinate efforts to solve the increasing problem of abandoned vessels in the Delta.

Bay-Delta model in Sausalito due for major remodel

The Bay Model — a three-dimensional representation of San Francisco Bay and the Delta — will shut down in March for a \$13.2 million facelift. The Sausalito attraction run by the U.S. Corps of Engineers will reopen on Memorial Day weekend. The model is capable of simulating tides, currents, river inflows and other variables affecting water quality and movement in the estuary. The Corps is using federal stimulus funds for the remodeling. [You can find the model's website here.](#)



DPC set to consider management plan at its Jan. 28 meeting

The Delta Protection Commission is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Sacramento Administration Building. The commission may adopt regulations regarding the updated policies of its management plan. Although a complete agenda is not yet available, it will be posted [here](#) soon.

Governor makes key appointments at Natural Resources Agency, DWR

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday appointed DWR Director Lester Snow as secretary for the state's Natural Resources Agency, replacing Mike Chrisman who is retiring Feb. 1. Replacing Snow at DWR will be Mark Cowin, a 29-year veteran of DWR. [Read more.](#)



Snow



Cowin



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