



## Delta Vision posts final Implementation Report

The Delta Vision Committee has submitted its final implementation report to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger with recommended actions on how the California Delta should be managed to fulfill its equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration. The plan sets priorities based on the Delta Vision Strategic Plan developed by the Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force. [The document has been posted on the Delta Vision website.](#)

## Nature Conservancy says peripheral canal essential for Delta

The Nature Conservancy on Wednesday called for restoration of more natural water flows in the Delta, and said in a news release that, "It recognizes that a peripheral canal, designed and operated to promote a healthy Delta ecosystem, must be part of a comprehensive Delta solution." The Nature Conservancy plan also recommends improving governance to manage the Delta's resources in an ecologically sustainable manner. Mike Sweeney, executive director for The Nature Conservancy's California Program, said: "The Nature Conservancy's analysis led us to the conclusion that, short of ending water exports from the Delta, a peripheral canal is an essential component to restoring the conditions that Delta species need to survive." [Read more.](#)



## DWR releases guidelines for levee funding

DWR has released guidelines for local agencies that plan to apply for funds from the state to repair, rebuild or replace levees. A public workshop about the guidelines will be held in Sacramento from 1 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 20. [Find more information here.](#) These guidelines define the process for selecting and funding State-Federal Flood Control System modification projects for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The department also has posted responses to public comments it received about the guidelines by an Oct. 20 deadline.



## BDCP releases overview of draft Conservation Strategy

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan, BDCP, [has released an overview of the draft Conservation Strategy for the Delta.](#) This document is intended to provide an overview and synopsis of the draft proposed Conservation Strategy, including its key components, for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Required by federal and state endangered species laws, the Conservation Strategy is a critical part of the Conservation Plan, a draft of which is due by June. A draft EIR/EIS is due by the end of the year and completion of the BDCP by the end of 2010.

## Public review draft of Water Plan 2009 available online

DWR this week released the *Highlights* and *Volume 1* of the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2009: Integrated Water Management. [Read details here.](#) The plan has benefited from the first interagency Steering Committee representing 21 state government agencies with jurisdictions over different aspects of water resources, and it integrates their companion plans and initiatives. In the next three weeks, *Volume 2* and *Volume 3* also will be released. In addition, workshops will begin next month and be scheduled through May. Comments about the plan are due by June 5. [All drafts will be posted here on the Water Plan website](#)



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