



Abandoned vessels topic of meeting set for next Wednesday

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 is 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 the Abandoned Vessels Discussion Group in 2006 to coordinate efforts to solve the increasing problem of abandoned vessels in the Delta.

Plan ahead for the Water Education Foundation tour of the Delta

Get out your new 2010 calendar, turn to July, and save these dates — July 14-16 — for the acclaimed Water Education Foundation's 3-day, 2-night tour of the Delta. It takes participants to the heart of California water policy - San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Stops include the Delta Cross Channel, the federal Tracy Pumping Plant, Bay-Delta model in Sausalito, Los Vaqueros Reservoir and Suisun Marsh. Issues discussed include Delta Planning initiatives, water project operations, fish passage, ecosystem restoration, levees and flood management, Delta agriculture, drinking water quality and water supply reliability. The tour begins and ends at the Sacramento International Airport, and includes a ferry ride across San Francisco Bay. [Read more.](#)

USBR to close Delta Cross Channel Gates at times through spring

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced that the Delta Cross Channel Gates will be closed to allow winter-run Chinook salmon to migrate to the ocean. Closures will occur intermittently through next spring. During closures, boat traffic will be unable to pass through the Delta Cross Channel Gates, so boaters should plan alternate travel routes. [Find details 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.

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.](#)



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