



## **Biodiversity Council plans session, tour in Suisun, Fairfield**

Integrated water management in California is the subject of a two-day session of the California Biodiversity Council, March 10 and 11 in Fairfield/Suisun. The session will include a tour and a meeting. You must register if you plan to attend. [You can register online here.](#) The agendas are still being finalized and will be posted soon. If you have questions, contact Lauren McNees (916) 445-5845 or Sherry Cooper at (530) 752-1581.

## **UOP plans water forum at McGeorge law school next Monday**

The engineering and law school at the University of the Pacific is offering a forum about California water next Monday, Feb. 22. The event, "California Water: After the 2009 Legislative Water Package, where are we and where do we go from here?," is free and open to the public. It starts at 9 a.m. and continues till 1 p.m. at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. "The goal of the forum is to foster debate of California's water issues by interested parties with differing views," said Margit Aramburu, director of the Natural Resources Institute at University of the Pacific. "The forum will help us assess where we are right now, what needs to be done, and how we prepare for the future, especially in light of the 2009 Legislative Water Package." [Read more.](#)

## **'Soiree' fundraiser set for World Water Day on March 11**

The Sacramento Water For People Committee is holding a fundraiser soiree on Thursday, March 11, to mark World Water Day 2010: Communicating Water Quality Challenges and Opportunities. The keynote speaker will be the CEO of Water For People, Ned Breslin, who has experience with NGOs in the water and sanitation sector since the 1980s. Tickets are \$10. Water For People is an international non-profit organization that assists people in developing countries to improve quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities and hygiene education programs. [Read more.](#)

## **DWR seeks public comment on Valley flood inventory document**

DWR has released for public comment the draft State Plan of Flood Control Descriptive Document. It's an inventory of the facilities of the State-federal flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. [The draft report is available for download here.](#) Comments about the draft report are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, and can be submitted by email to [cvfmp@water.ca.gov](mailto:cvfmp@water.ca.gov).

## **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.](#)



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