



DWR releases risk assessment report on Delta levees

The risk of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta islands flooding is likely to increase substantially over the next century, according to a Department of Water Resources Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) Phase 1 report released recently. The report assesses major risks to Delta levees from floods, seepage, subsidence and earthquakes. [The press release can be found here](#). The complete [Phase I report can be found here](#).

CALFED Science Program endorses levee-risk report

A CALFED Science Program coordinated independent review of the DRMS Phase 1 report is now available. The review panel concluded that the report is a useful tool to inform policy makers and others on possible resource allocations and strategies for addressing risks in the Delta. [Details can be found here](#).

SWRCB to discuss Delta salinity at public workshop

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a workshop Wednesday, April 22, in Sacramento to get public comment and discuss possible changes to the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives. These objectives are included in the *2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* and their implementation. [Read more](#).

Yolo County water group plans public meeting about Delta

The Water Resources Association of Yolo County will hold a meeting Monday, April 13, to discuss how Delta water planning and proposed legislation could adversely affect Yolo County water supplies, land uses and habitat. The association is encouraging the public and all city and county elected officials to attend. An agenda will be posted on the [association's website](#). The meeting is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland.

San Joaquin River to benefit from Obama OK of Public Land bill

President Barack Obama on Monday signed the Omnibus Public Land Management Act that contains the San Joaquin River Restoration Act. It will allow full implementation of the 2006 San Joaquin River Litigation Settlement reached by Natural Resources Defense Council, Friant Water Users Authority, and the Departments of the Interior and Commerce. [Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said](#), "I am pleased that our environmental goals will be furthered by many aspects of this bill, specifically the San Joaquin River Restoration Act." His office said the bill provides more funds — in addition to state money — to help restore the San Joaquin River. [Details about the San Joaquin River restoration can be found here](#).

Delta tourism researcher to explain work at CALFED seminar

CALFED will hold a "Brown Bag" seminar about tourism in the Delta. It will be held Tuesday, April 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at the CALFED offices in Sacramento. Researcher Alex Westhoff visited three river deltas affected by tourism in different ways: the Okavango Delta in Botswana, the Ebro Delta in Spain and the Danube Delta in Romania. He wanted to uncover lessons learned on sustainable tourism planning that could possibly be applied to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Westhoff's research was through the Geraldine Knight Scott Traveling Fellowship that he was awarded from the University of California, Berkeley, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. [Read more](#).



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