



DWR program recommends funding for Delta levees

DWR's Delta Levees Program has evaluated 41 applications from Delta agencies and levee districts for new projects. This week it recommended funding for 16 projects totaling about \$22 million. Following a public comment period, DWR will make a final funding decision. All comments on the recommendations should be received by DWR no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, May 18. [Read more.](#)

Proposal to improve Delta leads to statewide urban water conservation plan

The Governor's 20X2020 Agency Team on Water Conservation will conduct a workshop on Friday, May 29, to hear what the public thinks about its plan to conserve water in urban areas. In February 2008, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced a seven-part plan for improving the Delta. As part of this effort, the Governor directed state agencies to develop a plan to reduce statewide per capita urban water use by 20 percent by the year 2020. That was the start of the 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan (20x2020 Plan) process. The panel now has produced a report titled 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan and seeks public comment on it. [Workshop details and the report can be found here.](#)

Water Plan workshop precedes DPC meeting May 21 in Antioch

DWR and 20 other State agencies are asking the public to participate in a series of 12 regional public workshops statewide to gather and share information about the Public Review Draft of the *California Water Plan Update 2009*. One of the workshops will be held in Antioch on Thursday, May 21, prior to a Delta Protection Commission meeting that begins at 5:30 p.m. The workshop will focus on the Water Plan Highlights and the Regional Report for the Delta Area of Special Interest, which is part of the *Water Plan*. Coordination between the *Water Plan* and other Delta initiatives will be discussed. Public input will be sought regarding local and regional activities, issues, and water management strategies. The workshops are being held statewide this month and next. [More details and region-specific agendas for all workshops are posted here.](#)

DWR begins monthly Drought Bulletin with up-to-date information

DWR has begun publishing the Drought Bulletin, a monthly update to the state's water conditions. It includes up-to-date hydrologic conditions, figures and graphs on runoff, reservoir storage, precipitation, groundwater. As of April, according to the bulletin, runoff for this water year is expected to be much lower than average for the third year in a row, and drought conditions remain serious across the state. [You can find it here.](#)



Comments about scope of BDCP environmental reports due in a week

If you would like to comment about the scope of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), the deadline is next Thursday, May 14. To send a comment, [click here](#). Also, the nine maps and 13 informational posters used in the scoping meetings are now available online. The concept-level conveyance [maps can be found here](#). The posters include such topics as climate change, land use and recreation. [The posters can be found here](#). DWR held the meetings throughout the state, including five in and around the Delta, to allow the public, agencies, and tribes to review the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).



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