



Fourth staff draft of Delta Plan to be discussed by DSC

The [fourth staff draft](#) of the Delta Plan and its [appendices](#) were released this week and are available on the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) website. The DSC will discuss the draft during next week's two-day [meeting](#) on June 23 and 24, in West Sacramento. A chart comparing the [differences](#) between the third and fourth staff drafts of the Delta Plan has been posted on the DSC website. Also this week, the Association of California Water Agencies submitted an [alternate Delta Plan](#) for the DSC to consider.

Second phase of Delta risk report is made available online

The [Delta Risk Management Strategy Phase 2](#) report is available on the DWR website. Phase 1 included an evaluation of the economic, environmental, health, and safety consequences of levee failures in the Delta. Phase 2 evaluates scenarios that could reduce those risks. An [executive summary](#) of the report is also online.



Brown bag seminar offers look at atmospheric rivers

The Delta Science Program is offering a [brown bag seminar](#) on the concentrated moisture in the atmosphere that plays an important part in flood management around the world. The presentation by Michael Dettinger of the U.S. Geological Survey, on Wednesday, June 22, in Sacramento will look at the impact of atmospheric rivers. More details and contact information are available on the DSC [website](#).

Water board considering changes to quality control plan

Next week the State Water Resources Control Board will consider a [resolution](#) to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins. The amendments cover the control of methylmercury and total mercury in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The [meeting](#) will be Tuesday, June 21, in Sacramento.

Bureau accepting comments on river project assessment

The Bureau of Reclamation is accepting comments on a [draft environmental assessment](#) for a project in the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. The assessment describes the environmental effects of the Water Year 2012 Interim Flows Project. The comment deadline is Monday, July 11. More details, including instructions for submitting comments, are available in this [news release](#).

Federal agencies team up to form water resources partnership

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Geological Survey have signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) to form an innovative partnership of federal agencies to address America's growing water resources challenges. The partnership will allow the participating agencies to coordinate and cooperate in activities to improve water resource services and build a Federal Support Toolbox for Integrated Water Resources Management. Details are available in this [news release](#) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



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