



## Levees a topic at next week's DSC risk workgroup meeting

The Delta Stewardship Council will hold a "risk reduction and coequal goals" public workgroup meeting next Thursday, July 8, in Sacramento. This is the first in a series of meetings in support of the development of an interim plan for the Delta. At this session, the workgroup will review materials included in the [meeting packet](#) (24mb, 400 pages) for last week's council meeting to answer such questions as: What and where are the most significant short-term and medium-term levee risks in the Delta? [Read the meeting announcement here.](#)

## Delta Stewardship Council names 10 scientists to panel

The Delta Stewardship Council last week appointed 10 scientists to the Delta Independent Science Board. "The future policy decisions we will be discussing and adopting into the Delta Plan need to be based on sound science," said Council Chair Phil Isenberg. "Having access to a talented independent science board allows the council to fully evaluate the complex ecological issues facing the Delta." [Go here for a list of scientists.](#)

## DWR seeks public comments on Delta drilling plans

The public has until Thursday, July 15, to comment on geotechnical engineering studies for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and for preliminary engineering studies for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program. [For instructions on commenting please go here.](#) DWR is the lead State agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and has prepared a [Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration](#) for upcoming geotechnical work. DWR is planning additional land and overwater geotechnical borings in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to obtain information for proposed alignments of the water conveyance facilities associated with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and preliminary engineering studies for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program.

## DWR posts latest California Drought Update

The latest monthly California Drought Update has been posted to DWR's drought webpage. It reports: Cold Pacific storms in April significantly improved water supply outlook conditions with precipitation and snowpack conditions statewide well above average. The forecast for spring runoff from April through July is expected to be well above average at 115 percent statewide. Below average water supply conditions still persist in the Klamath and Lake Tahoe basins. [Read more.](#)

## Agenda released for Water Plan Update 2013 kickoff workshop

A public workshop to launch the California Water Plan Update 2013 will be held next Wednesday, July 7, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the CalEPA Building in Sacramento. [You can find the agenda for the meeting here.](#) For those planning to attend the workshop, please RSVP to Ginny Sajac [via email](#) or by telephone at (916) 653-7101. For those who cannot attend, workshop materials will be posted online with opportunities to provide comments and suggestions to the Update 2013 team.



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