

# Delta e-News

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**This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Contact us at [delta@water.ca.gov](mailto:delta@water.ca.gov)**

## **Public Policy Institute report recommends peripheral canal**

According to a report released today by the Public Policy Institute of California, building a peripheral



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canal to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the most promising strategy to balance two critical policy goals: reviving a threatened ecosystem and ensuring a high-quality water supply for California's residents. The report was prepared by PPIC and five scientists from UC Davis, and builds on a report they published in 2007 that proposed nine different alternatives for improving the Delta's ecosystem and water supply reliability. [Read more.](#)

## **Delta Vision Task Force to hear top officials**

Top officials from state, federal and local government agencies will speak Friday to members of the governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, who are working to develop a strategic plan for the long-term health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Speakers include Lester Snow of the state Department of Water Resources, John Davis of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and representatives of other state and federal agencies involved in the Delta. Also speaking are local and regional elected officials, including Leory Ornellas of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and Don Nottoli of the Sacramento County Supervisors. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The meeting is being Webcast. [You can find the Webcast link and the agenda here.](#)

## **CALFED plans workshop on fish propagation**

The use of artificial propagation as a tool for Central Valley salmon and Delta smelt conservation will be the focus of a workshop Thursday, July 24, sponsored by the CALFED Science Program. The construction of dams and large water diversions, extensive introduction of non-native fishes and water pollution have imperiled many fish species and populations endemic to western river systems. Native fish are increasingly being raised in captivity, with the hope that they can be reintroduced to native habitats. This workshop will provide opportunity for information exchange among scientists and managers who are trying to preserve and restore rare fishes in the Bay-Delta. [Read more.](#)



## **Land use, resource management are topics at Antioch meeting**

The Delta Protection Commission will meet Monday, July 21, in Antioch to continue work on its Land Use and Resource Management Plan. The plan, originally adopted on Feb. 23, 1995, outlines the long-term land use requirements for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. According to the DPC the need for an update is "timely and essential" because of a "variety of significant events and changing needs." The meeting will be held in the city of Antioch's Maintenance Service Center, 1201 W. 4th St. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs to 9 p.m. [You can find the agenda online here.](#)

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