



## PPIC releases 'Briefing Kit' that focuses on state's challenges, including water

The Public Policy Institute of California has released a briefing kit titled **California 2025: Planning for a Better Future**. The kit highlights California's most pressing long-term policy challenges in eight key areas: water, budget, climate change, economy, education, population, transportation, and workforce. [You can find the kit here.](#)

## Water Education Foundation updates Delta guide

The Water Education Foundation's **Layperson's Guide to the Delta** has been updated to include comprehensive information about the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, new information about ongoing Delta litigation, and an overview of the Delta Risk Management Strategy. [You can find the updated guide here.](#) It costs \$10.

## USBR creates new office that focuses on the Delta

The Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region has announced the creation of an office that will focus on the many issues associated with the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. Susan Fry has been selected to lead the new Bay-Delta Office. [Read more.](#)

## Delta Protection Commission developing Delta Trail report

The Delta Protection Commission is developing a Blueprint Report for the Delta trail in Solano and Contra Costa counties. The report will be a guide for the planning, feasibility and outreach. There is an upcoming Technical and Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting next Monday, Aug. 2, in Antioch. [Read more.](#)

## IRWM grant guidelines and proposal packages released by DWR

DWR this week released its [Final Integrated Regional Water Management Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages](#) for those seeking grants for planning, implementing IRWM projects, and for stormwater flood management. The guidelines and PSPs will be used to disburse grant funds according to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E).

## Water Plan seeks advisers; application now online

The Advisory Committee for Water Plan Update 2013 is being formed to help develop and refine policy recommendations for the plan. There also is a proposal to establish interest-based and regional-based forums, including the Delta. These groups would be chaired by AC members associated with a particular interest or region. [More information and a link to the application are available here.](#) The application should be returned by Aug. 25.

## DWR extends comment deadline on Delta drilling plans

The public now has until this Sunday, July 31, 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. DWR extended the deadline from July 15. [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.



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