



## Delta in-water geotechnical drilling to begin today

In-water geotechnical drilling in support of the environmental review process for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is scheduled to begin today and will continue through Oct. 31. Information gathered will be used to support the BDCP Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). DWR has prepared a Draft Initial Study and [Mitigated Negative Declaration](#) and has filed the Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and completed its review under CEQA for this work. In addition, the required federal and state permitting and consultation requirements have been met. [You can find more information online](#) or you can contact Rebecca Nicholas at (916) 651-2966.

## Delta front and center at Military Engineers Conference this month

The Delta and its levees will be discussed at several sessions of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Sacramento Post's conference Oct. 26-28 in Sacramento. The conference will focus on the challenges and business opportunities associated with California's complex water and flood risk management issues. Speakers will include DWR's director, Lester Snow. The title of the conference is: ***Changing Tides in the Inland Sea – A Confluence of Challenges and Opportunities***. [Click here](#) for conference details.

## DWR flood unit plans coordination meetings this month

DWR's Division of Flood Management will present four Flood Coordination Meetings this fall. Two are near or in the Delta: Sacramento on Oct. 22 and Stockton on Oct. 27. The sessions are aimed at emergency responders, water managers, and personnel who deal with flood preparedness and response. For meeting details, [click here](#).

## CALFED plans public workshop on Delta monitoring

CALFED's Interagency Ecological Program for the San Francisco Estuary will sponsor a public workshop next Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14 and 15, in Sacramento. It is titled: ***Bay-Delta Monitoring Questions and Tools***. [Read more](#). The purposes of the workshop:

- Drawing from the earlier IEP workshops on ammonia, food webs, physical modeling and fish population modeling, identify monitoring needs and questions that can and should be addressed by the IEP.
- Identify which existing and new monitoring tools might best link important management actions with expected environmental outcomes.

## RSVP for last Plenary Session of this Water Plan Update

The last Plenary Session of Water Plan Update 2009 will be held Oct. 14 and 15 at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel. The Day One session will provide an overview of the Pre-Final Draft Highlights Document. [You can find the agenda here](#). There also will be a discussion about the nexus between the Water Plan, Integrated Regional Water Management, and Biodiversity. Day Two will feature key objectives, actions, and recommendations of the Resource Management Strategies. [Please RSVP to Virginia Sajac](#).



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