



DWR releases draft guidelines for Delta levee projects

DWR has prepared draft “near-term” guidelines for Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects for the 2009-2010 budget year. [They can be found here](#). The Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects provides financial assistance through a competitive process to local agencies that maintain levees in the Delta. A public meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Walnut Grove to talk about the guidelines. When the time and place are firm, it will be announced on the program’s [website](#).

US Fish and Wildlife opens Sacramento office to serve Delta

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has opened Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office in Sacramento at 650 Capitol Mall to focus on conservation issues related to the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta. “We face a future of many challenges – population growth, climate change – and it’s vital we work with our partners to plan actions that will both promote conservation of natural resources and provide water for people,” said Ren Lohofener, regional director of the Service’s Pacific Southwest Region. “Creating the Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office co-locates the Service with other federal and state agencies to help solve the crucial issues facing Californians in the rapidly evolving Delta region.” [Read more](#).

BDCP releases summary of workshop comments

In September, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan held a series of public workshops to review the Draft Conservation Strategy. The BDCP has now released a report summarizing the comments received at those workshops. The report will be used by the BDCP Steering Committee as it develops the draft plan. [You can find the report here](#).

Nov. 17 is deadline for comments on 2-Gates environmental draft

The public has until Nov. 17 to comment on the Bureau of Reclamation’s Draft Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed 2-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project. Last month, USBR held three public meetings to provide information on the proposed Demonstration Project. [Read more](#).

Delta Protection Commission to meet a week from today

The Delta Protection Commission will meet Thursday, Nov. 12, at the city of West Sacramento Galleria beginning at 5:30 p.m. Members will discuss its Management Plan, receive an update on the Great California Delta Trail Feasibility and Planning Process, and elect the commission’s chair and vice chair. [You can find the full agenda here](#).

USBR to close Delta Cross Channel Gates at times through spring

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced that the Delta Cross Channel Gates will be closed to allow winter-run Chinook salmon to migrate to the ocean. Closures will occur intermittently through next spring. During closures, boat traffic will be unable to pass through the Delta Cross Channel Gates, so boaters should plan alternate travel routes. [Find details here](#).

Water Information Management Symposium set for Nov. 17-19

The Western States Water Council and the Department of Water Resources will hold a Water Information Management Symposium in San Diego on Nov. 17-19 with a special focus on climate change adaptation. The agenda includes panels on climate change adaptation, emerging drinking water contaminants, and climate activities at the state level on the first day. Remote sensing applications, ecosystem and fishery implications and monitoring and data needs will be addressed on the second day. Finally, the symposium wraps up with workshops on research programs and adaptation planning and projects. The [agenda](#) includes registration information.



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