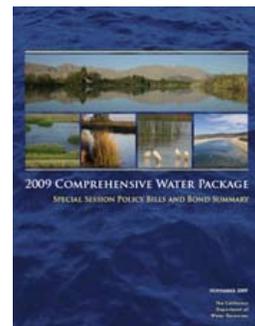




## DWR releases fact sheet of 2009 Comprehensive Water Package

DWR has published a document that includes summaries of the bond and policy bills of the 2009 Comprehensive Water Package passed by the Legislature last week and signed by the governor. The comprehensive deal represents major steps toward ensuring a reliable water supply, as well as restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and other ecologically sensitive areas. [The summary document is available here.](#) The plan is comprised of four policy bills and an \$11.14 billion bond. The package establishes a Delta Stewardship Council, sets ambitious water conservation policy, ensures better groundwater monitoring, and provides funds for the State Water Resources Control Board for increased enforcement of illegal water diversions. The bond will fund — with local cost-sharing — drought relief, water supply reliability, Delta sustainability, statewide water system operational improvements, conservation and watershed protection, groundwater protection, and water recycling and water conservation programs.



## Interior's Salazar pushes for independent review of Delta science

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced Monday that the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) National Research Council Governing Board will order an independent scientific review of key questions relating to the Delta, and how to both protect the ecosystem and provide a reliable water supply. Salazar said the NAS will deliver the first of two reports by next March 15. "If approved, the first NAS report will direct particular attention to the water delivery restrictions in the biological opinions and whether there are available alternative actions that would have lesser impacts on water deliveries while still providing equal or greater protection for the species and their designated critical habitat." [Read Salazar's complete statement.](#)



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## 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.](#)

## 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 today in W. Sacramento

The Delta Protection Commission will meet today, 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.](#)



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