



Meeting Summaries now online for November BDCP landowner meetings

DWR held two additional landowner informational meetings in November to discuss the required field studies to support the environmental review process for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Summaries of the meetings, which were held in Courtland on Nov. 5 and Brentwood on Nov. 6, [are available here](#).

Dutch Slough EIR meeting set for Oakley on Dec. 11

DWR has released a draft environmental impact report on the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. The project will restore marsh and wetlands on nearly 1,200 acres in Oakley in eastern Contra Costa County. DWR will hold a public hearing about the document on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. in Oakley at City Hall. [Meeting details and a link to the EIR can be found here](#).

DWR releases proposed guidelines for levee funding

The Department of Water Resources [has released a draft of guidelines for funding of Special Projects](#) under the Delta Levees Program. DWR is seeking public comment on them. The department has scheduled a public meeting to review the proposed guidelines from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Jean Harvie Center in Walnut Grove.

Delta included in report on preparing for climate change

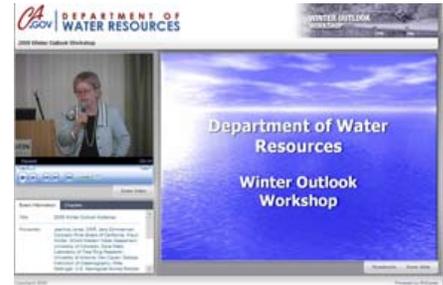
Climate change will make managing the state's coastline and the Delta, challenging, according to a new report from the Public Policy Institute. It says, for example, one of the primary means of protecting buildings and infrastructure from sea level rise and increased storm surges is to "harden" the coastline with coastal armoring—but this strategy is detrimental to beaches, public access, and habitat. The 40-page paper *California Coastal Management with a Changing Climate* [is available for download on the PPIP Web site](#).

If you missed it, you can view Winter Outlook Workshop online

Last week, DWR held its first Winter Outlook Workshop in San Diego. If you'd like to view it, [the department has posted the webcast](#).

The workshop brought together scientists to provide state water managers with the precipitation outlook for water year 2009, which runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. The past two water years have been dry, and storage in the state's reservoirs are at a 14-year low.

Court-ordered restrictions on water deliveries from the Delta have further contributed to the lack of water in some parts of the state. An accurate long-range forecast for 2009 precipitation is a critical tool for water managers.



Delta Vision Committee posts discussion paper for strategic plan

The Delta Vision Committee has posted a document designed to prompt discussion on how to implement the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Strategic Plan. By Dec. 31, the committee is supposed to recommend to the governor and Legislature how to implement the strategic plan. This discussion document identifies options and is the first step in developing an implementation report. [It can be found here](#). The committee also plans a workshop on Dec. 5 in Sacramento. [Find details here](#).

