



DWR director announces key Delta appointment

DWR Director Mark W. Cowin has appointed Dale Hoffman-Floerke as the acting Deputy Director of Delta and Statewide Water Management. She has been the Deputy Director for Integrated Water Management since March 2010. She replaces Jerry Johns who is retiring from 38 years of state service. Cowin is also appointing Stein Buer as the acting Deputy Director of Integrated Water Management.

Proposed Contra Costa County project under evaluation

Shea Homes has applied for a permit to place dredged or fill material in approximately 10 acres of water in the Contra Costa County town of Oakley. The work would be part of a proposed 396 acre development project that includes 824 homes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating the application. The [public notice](#), which includes instructions on submitting public comments, is available online. Maps of the project site can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Delta Conservancy subcommittee to meet in West Sacramento

The next meeting for the Strategic Plan Subcommittee of the Delta Conservancy will be next Wednesday, Dec. 15, in West Sacramento. The subcommittee will review and discuss revisions to the draft interim strategic plan. The subcommittee also may have a discussion on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act. The agenda and other meeting information can be found [here](#).

DWR subcommittee to discuss water measurement accuracy

Members of the California Water Commission will attend a meeting of the DWR SBX7-7 Agricultural Stakeholders Subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet in Sacramento next Wednesday, Dec. 15, to discuss a conceptual proposal for agricultural water measurement accuracy criteria. The proposal is part of a discussion paper DWR has developed in support of developing agricultural water measurement regulation. The meeting location and other details are available [here](#).

DSC and DPC set agendas for next week's meetings

Other agendas being made available online include next week's two-day meeting in West Sacramento for the [Delta Stewardship Council](#), and the meeting next Thursday, Dec. 16, in Stockton for the [Delta Protection Commission](#). The DPC site has driving directions to the Stockton location.

IEP seeks comments for work plan progress report

The [Interagency Ecological Program](#) has released a progress report titled "[2010 Pelagic Organism Decline \(POD\) Work Plan and Synthesis of Results](#)." The POD management team is interested in collecting comments that identify information gaps or comments that can inform the final report planned for 2012-2013.

Two DSC publications available online

Two new publications by the Delta Stewardship Council are now available. The third edition of the [DSC Newsletter](#) includes articles on issues discussed at the November meeting, along with links to documents relating to the creation of the Delta Plan. Also, the latest issue of [Science News](#) is now available exclusively online.

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