



## Put this one on your 2010 calendar: WEF's tour of the Delta

Get out your new 2010 calendar, turn to July, and save these dates — July 14-16 — for the acclaimed Water Education Foundation's 3-day, 2-night tour of the Delta. It takes participants to the heart of California water policy - San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Stops include the Delta Cross Channel, the federal Tracy Pumping Plant, Bay-Delta model in Sausalito, Los Vaqueros Reservoir and Suisun Marsh. Issues discussed include Delta Planning initiatives, water project operations, fish passage, ecosystem restoration, levees and flood management, Delta agriculture, drinking water quality and water supply reliability. The tour begins and ends at the Sacramento International Airport, and includes a ferry ride across San Francisco Bay. [Read more.](#)



## DPC set to consider management plan at its Jan. 28 meeting

The Delta Protection Commission is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Sacramento Administration Building. The commission may adopt regulations relative of the updated policies of its management plan. Although a complete agenda is not yet available, it will be posted [here](#) soon.

## Water Board launches water quality Web report card

The California Water Boards has launched its first Web-based report card, or Performance Report to show the quality of California's waters at a glance, and instantly show how the Water Boards protect those waters. "I believe that the Water Boards have taken the governor's commitment to transparency to a new level," said Charles Hopkin, chair of the State Water Board. "We'll be showing the public more and more about the quality of the state's water and this is an exciting first step," he said. [You can find the report here.](#)

## Water Quality Council launches fish, shellfish safety site

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council has unveiled the second My Water Quality internet portal to connect decision makers and the public with water quality information. The theme of this new portal is "[Is it Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish from Our Waters?](#)" The portal includes interactive maps and monitoring data that focus on chemical contaminants and biotoxins in fish and shellfish that may affect the health of human consumers. The first portal is "Is it Safe to Swim in Our Waters?"



## Water modeling forum plans annual meeting in February

The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum will hold its 16th Annual Meeting from Monday, Feb. 22 through Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. The theme of the 2010 Annual Meeting is "Modeling in the Eye of the Storm" and the program includes more than 20 technical sessions, including one on California Water Plan Update 2009, and Ellen Hanak of the Public Policy Institute of California in her keynote will discuss the economics of Delta facilities. [You can find more information here.](#)



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