



Schedule released for hearings on Delta Plan's draft EIR

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will hold five public hearings in January to get input on the Delta Plan's [draft environmental impact report](#) (EIR). The first hearing will be in San Diego on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Other hearings will be in Pasadena, Ceres, Clarksburg and Willows. The full schedule and other details are available in this DSC [flier](#), which also has instructions for submitting comments by email.

Agencies address concerns raised over BDCP memorandum

State and federal agencies participating in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) process are taking steps to address concerns raised in recent public comments about a memorandum of agreement (MOA). Those concerns include a possibility the MOA might bind BDCP participants to a time schedule that would not allow for a full consideration of alternatives and the necessary scientific analysis. The [response](#) to the comments is available on the [BDCP website](#).

Panel reviews actions of state, federal water operations

An independent panel of scientific experts has released its [2011 review report](#) on the implementation of reasonable and prudent alternative (RPA) actions for state and federal water operations. The panel was convened by the [Delta Science Program](#). The report includes specific recommendations for how RPA actions could be better linked to biological objectives for salmon, steelhead, green sturgeon and delta smelt.

Proposed measures target urban water conservation

DWR and the Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Task Force will be releasing alternative water conservation measures to reduce urban demand. The proposed alternatives are listed in a draft report that will be made available for review on Friday, Jan. 6. A DWR [news release](#) has details on the report and instructions for submitting comments.

Draft report quantifies public benefits of water storage projects

A [draft report](#) on quantifying the public benefits of water storage projects has been posted on the California Water Commission (CWC) website. The areas of benefit include ecosystem improvement, water quality, flood control, emergency response and recreation. The draft will be discussed during a [CWC meeting](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Sacramento. Public comments are being accepted by [email](#).

Workshops for Water Plan to coincide with regional forums

The development of [California Water Plan Update 2013](#) will include workshops on planning for an uncertain water future in the Central Valley. The workshops will coincide with the regional forums to be held on Jan. 17, 18 and 20. The workshops will help shape regional strategies that will be included in the Water Plan. The links to details and materials for the workshops are available [here](#).

Agenda set for next month's Tulare Lake Regional Forum

The [agenda](#) has been posted for the first of three regional forums to be held next month. The Tulare Lake Regional Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 17, will be in a [webcast](#) format. Information for the San Joaquin Regional Forum on Jan. 18, and for the Sacramento River Regional Forum on Jan. 20, will be posted [here](#) when available.

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