



Governor signs bill keeping DSC as an independent agency

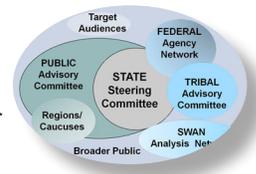
Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. has signed legislation reaffirming the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) as an independent state agency. Earlier this year, the governor submitted a government reorganization plan that included incorporating the DSC into the Natural Resources Agency. That idea was later dropped. This week he signed [Assembly Bill 1019](#), which includes provisions for the DSC to remain independent.

Science panel updates agenda for review of Delta smelt programs

An updated agenda has been released for the [two-day meeting](#) to review efforts designed to benefit the Delta smelt. On July 31 and Aug. 1, in Sacramento, an independent science panel will review the draft [Fall Low Salinity Habitat Report](#) and the draft [2012 Fall Outflow Adaptive Management Plan](#). The meeting will include presentations on the diets, health and reproductive performance of Delta smelt.

Next Water Plan plenary meeting set for September

Save the dates for the next *California Water Plan Update 2013* plenary meeting. The two-day session will be Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 12 and 13, in Sacramento. As the agenda and other details become available they will be posted on the Water Plan [calendar webpage](#).



Two flood plan funding workshops to be held next month

DWR will host two public workshops next month to collect comments on its draft [Guidelines for Directed Funding to Prepare Regional Flood Management Plans](#). The workshops will be Wednesday, Aug. 8, [in Stockton](#), and Thursday, Aug. 9, [in Sacramento](#). The guidelines will be used to determine funding for local agencies.

Streams program awards \$8.8 million in project funding

DWR's [Urban Streams Restoration Program](#) (USRP) has released the list of [grant awards](#) for the 2008 application solicitation. Twelve projects, including one on Sausal Creek in Oakland, will receive a total of \$8.84 million in funding. The USRP provides grants to local communities for projects to reduce flooding and erosion, or to protect the natural values of streams.

Watershed workshop series resumes next week in Newport

The Sacramento River Watershed Program is offering a [two-day workshop](#) next week to look at planning and implementation of watershed management. It will be in Newport on July 23 and 24. This is part of a watershed workshop series being held throughout California. The schedule, which runs through August 2013, is available [here](#).



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