



## DSC chair responds to the governor's BDCP announcement

Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) Chair Phil Isenberg has issued a [written statement](#) in response to Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s announcement on the [Bay Delta Conservation Plan](#) (BDCP). Last week, the governor and members of the Obama administration held a news conference to unveil [revisions and alternatives](#) for the BDCP. In his response, Isenberg offers his thoughts on some of the issues presented at the news conference and what lies ahead in the BDCP process.

## BDCP drilling project begins in Delta next week

Next week, DWR will begin overwater drilling in the Delta in order to collect data for proposed water conveyance alternatives associated with the BDCP. The BDCP website has answers to some of the [frequently asked questions about the project](#). The work will begin Monday, Aug. 6, and is expected to continue through October.

## Workshop to look at results of Delta water use pilot study

A pilot study on the use and flow of water in a portion of the Delta will be discussed at a workshop on Friday, Aug. 10, in Davis. The California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) will provide information on the work done by University of California, Davis, researchers at Fabian Tract. Workshop details and registration information are available on the [CWEMF website](#).



## New congressional letter of support for a Delta heritage area

The Delta Protection Commission's (DPC's) effort to have the Delta declared a national heritage area (NHA) has received a [letter of support](#) from Rep. John Garamendi and Sen. Dianne Feinstein. They have previously submitted legislation in Congress to establish a Delta NHA. The designation would identify the area as a place of natural, cultural, historical and recreational significance. Last month the DPC released its [Feasibility Study for a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area](#).

## Symposium to present growing research on levee vegetation

The effects of trees and plants on earthen levees will be in the spotlight this month in Sacramento. The [Levee Vegetation Research Symposium](#) will be Aug. 28-30. It will include some of the studies done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the last five years. There will also be details on information developed by the [California Levee Vegetation Research Program](#).



## Climate change study features reports by UC researchers

The California Natural Resources Agency and the California Energy Commission have released a collection of reports on adapting to climate change in the state. [Our Changing Climate 2012](#) contains the work of more than 120 researchers from seven University of California (UC) campuses and other institutions. The executive summary is available [here](#).



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