



## First four chapters of draft BDCP released to the public today

The first portion of the [draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan](#) (BDCP) was released to the public today. This release covers the first four chapters of the plan. The rest of the plan will be released in two more stages over the next few weeks. A public meeting on the first set of chapters will be held Wednesday, March 20, in West Sacramento. Details are in this [news release](#). More information is available on the [BDCP website](#). A public review draft plan and formal comment period will be announced later this year.

## Retired federal judge appointed to Delta Stewardship Council

Retired U.S. District Judge Frank C. Damrell Jr. has been named as the newest member of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC). Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. [announced the appointment](#) this week. Damrell is a Modesto native who was appointed as a federal judge by President Bill Clinton in 1997. He retired from the bench last year. "(Damrell) has a distinguished judicial record with significant decisions on environmental, commercial, employment, anti-trust and civil rights matters. We look forward to having someone of Judge Damrell's stature on the council," said DSC Chair Phil Isenberg.

## Public invited to discuss vision, goals for Delta trail

A [public meeting](#) to discuss the vision, goals and policies for [The Great California Delta Trail](#) will be held Thursday, April 11, in Clarksburg. This will be the first of two meetings for the trail's Joint Technical and Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The idea behind the project is to create a network of bicycling and hiking trails in the five Delta counties.



## Garamendi joins the call for a Delta National Heritage Area

Northern California Rep. John Garamendi has [introduced a bill](#) to establish the Delta as a national heritage area. The legislation would establish the Delta estuary as a national heritage area to be managed by the [Delta Protection Commission](#). Garamendi's bill is identical to the one submitted in the Senate earlier this year by Sen. Dianne Feinstein. If passed, the national heritage area designation would have no effect on water rights or water contracts and would create no new regulatory authority.

## New grant listings available on Delta Conservancy webpage

The Delta Conservancy has added new listings to its [Current Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. The list includes a variety of grants available to support ecosystem restoration and economic development in the Delta. The conservancy isn't affiliated with any of the grants and it doesn't endorse the organizations offering them.

## Applicants wanted for Central Valley levee repair work group

DWR's Flood Maintenance Office is looking for applicants interested in being part of a technical work group that will help develop repair criteria for Central Valley levees. Details are available on the [Rural Levee Repair Criteria](#) webpage. The application deadline is Monday, March 25.



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