



Senators introduce bill to make the Delta a national heritage area

The effort to designate the Delta as a national heritage area (NHA) has been given a boost by California's two U.S. senators. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Sen. Barbara Boxer have [introduced a bill](#) in Congress creating an NHA to be managed by the Delta Protection Commission. The bill would have no effect on water rights or water contracts. In 2012, the commission released a [feasibility study](#) for a Delta NHA.



Scientists will make habitat restoration presentation to ISB

Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey will be at the next [Delta Independent Science Board \(ISB\) meeting](#) to discuss their research on habitat restoration in the Delta. The meeting will be Feb. 14 and 15 in Sacramento. The habitat restoration discussion will stretch over both days. The board will also continue its discussion about reviewing the [Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement](#).

2013 Executive Briefing will include Delta updates

Updates on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the Delta Plan will be part of the Water Education Foundation's [2013 Executive Briefing](#). The two-day event



will be March 14 and 15, in Sacramento. Delta Stewardship Council Chair Phil Isenberg will be among the speakers on the first day. The briefing is designed to give water professionals information to make decisions affected by water policy in the coming year.

Free workshop offers lesson in developing grant proposals

The Delta Conservancy is offering a free workshop on developing an effective evaluation plan for grant proposals. It will be Wednesday, Feb. 20, in West Sacramento. Participants are asked to complete an assignment prior to the workshop. Details on the assignment and registration information are available [here](#).

Watershed program sets dates for Delta workshops

The Sacramento River Watershed Program has released a [revised schedule](#) for this year's watershed workshops. The watershed restoration workshop that will include the Delta is set for May 22 and 23. The Delta's monitoring and adaptive management workshop will be Sept. 24 and 25. Both will be in Vacaville.

Contaminated water supplies report issued by State Water Boards

A [report](#) sent to the governor and Legislature by the California Water Boards shows that a significant number of communities in the state rely on a contaminated groundwater source for their drinking water supplies. The report also identifies contaminants and chemical constituents, along with potential solutions. Details are available in this [news release](#).



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