



## Formal BDCP and EIR/EIS public review begins December 13

Because preparing the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is a joint effort of State and federal agencies, the recent shutdown of the federal government and associated staff furloughs delayed the development, review, and ultimately the release of the Public Draft BDCP and the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The Public Draft BDCP and EIR/EIS are now scheduled for release on December 13 for 120 days of formal review. Details on how to provide comments will be available in December. More information is [here](#).



## Panel will review long-term operations, biological opinions

An independent science panel will conduct an annual review of the implementation of actions required under the Endangered Species Act related to salmon, steelhead, green sturgeon, and delta smelt for the prior year's operations of the State/federal water projects to the Delta Stewardship Council, November 6-7 in Sacramento. The purpose is to inform National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about the effectiveness of the prior year's water operations and regulatory actions prescribed by their respective reasonable and prudent alternative actions (RPAs). The review will enable NMFS and USFWS to make appropriate, scientifically justified adjustments to the RPAs or their implementation to support real-time decision making in the future. More information is [here](#).

## DPAC will discuss California Water Plan Delta Regional Report

The Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) will meet on November 5 in Walnut Grove. [Agenda items](#) include discussing the *California Water Plan – Delta Regional Report*, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan – Unavoidable Impacts Affecting “Delta as Place,” and the National Flood Insurance Program.

## October 2013 edition of FloodSAFE Focus is now available

DWR's *FloodSAFE Focus* is a periodic newsletter that chronicles recent accomplishments and upcoming activities by the various programs and projects that contribute to achieving the FloodSAFE California vision. The October 2013 edition is [here](#).



## Delta Cross Channel Gates re-open, then close

Delta Cross Channel Gates will re-open on October 31 to meet Bay Delta flow standards at Rio Vista and then close on November 4. The gates will remain closed until further notice. Current information on gate operations is on the [U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Operations Web site](#).



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