



Delta Plan high-resolution maps are now online

The 13 maps originally listed in the final Delta Plan used a standard print resolution. [High-resolution versions](#) are now online. The detailed information on the maps is now seen more easily.



Delta Conservancy Board of Directors will meet

The Delta Conservancy Board of Directors and Liaison Advisors will meet November 27 in West Sacramento. [Agenda](#) items include a presentation on the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (flood insurance), a presentation on AB 1331 (Water Bond) and an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.



DWR program will help flood control and snake habitat

DWR began an innovative program in the San Joaquin Valley to help local levee-maintaining agencies implement flood control projects while preserving habitat for the endangered giant garter snake. The Advance Conservation Project identifies and sets aside snake habitat before agencies begin work that could result in the taking of threatened or endangered species or their habitat. DWR has invested \$4.1 million of Proposition 1E funds and contracted with Westervelt Ecological Services to create a giant garter snake conservation bank that can ultimately be used by levee-maintaining agencies in the south Delta and the Stockton area south along the San Joaquin River to approximately Fresno. More information is in this [news release](#).

DFW posts fall fish abundance and distribution surveys

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has posted the [2013 Fall Midwater Trawl September-October fish abundance and distribution surveys](#).



Collaborative effort improves fish passage in the Delta

The Caprini Low-water Crossing Fish Passage Improvement Project on Mormon Slough near Stockton was completed in October. It improves fish passage for migrating Chinook salmon and steelhead. Replacing a concrete roadway containing three undersized culverts with three larger box culverts improves adult passage to spawning habitat upstream and juvenile passage to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Pacific Ocean. The design and hydraulic model was developed by DWR's Fish Passage Improvement Program. DWR, Stockton East Water District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Caprini family collaborated on the project.



Due to the holiday, there will be no Delta eNews next week. The next edition will be December 5.
Happy Thanksgiving!



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