



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Media Advisory

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## DWR and California Conservation Corps: Delta Levees Flood Fighting Exercise

*Real-time exercise part of California Flood Preparedness Week activities*

**WHAT:** Live flood fighting exercise led by DWR, in coordination with the California Conservation Corps, Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services, and Reclamation District 1601

**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013  
Exercise to be conducted throughout day 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Media may arrive and depart anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Twitchell Island (approx. 45 minute drive south of Sacramento;  
see attached map and driving directions)

Twitchell Island Warehouse (sign-in location)  
1550 Twitchell Island Rd.  
Isleton, CA 95641

GPS coordinates: latitude 38.116175  
longitude -121.631167

#### Provided during event:

##### *Interviews:*

- **Bill Croyle**, DWR Flood Operations Chief
- **Ray Garcia**, California Conservation Corps (CCC) exercise lead
- **California Conservation Corps (CCC) participants**
- **Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services** participants

##### *Video/Photo opportunities:*

- CCC crews responding real-time to flood emergency scenarios with flood fighting techniques including: **deployment and construction of Muscle Wall (100-foot barrier), wave wash protection, sand bag construction**

The Twitchell Island Functional Exercise will give the media the opportunity to observe and record the flood emergency response actions that DWR and local agencies would deploy to protect Delta levees from failure in the case of an actual flood emergency.

Delta levees protect the state's water supply to approximately 25-million Californians located throughout the state, from the Delta south to the border, and west to the cities of San Francisco's South Bay.

The exercise will test coordination between DWR Flood Operations, the California Conservation Corps (approximately 75 corpsmembers), the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services and Local Maintaining Agency Reclamation District 1601.

Nov. 4-9, 2013 is California Flood Preparedness Week, a week-long educational effort jointly led by the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cal EMA, FEMA, NOAA, and California city and county partners. The week includes events across the state with the aim of increasing awareness about flood risk and encouraging all Californians to "Be Aware, Be Prepared, and Take Action." To learn more visit [www.water.ca.gov/ca-flood-preparedness/](http://www.water.ca.gov/ca-flood-preparedness/).

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