



Final Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix EIR/EIS is posted

DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (lead agencies) have completed the [Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement](#) (EIR/EIS).

DWR commissions new research vessel

DWR has commissioned a new state-of-the-art research vessel. The *Sentinel* is a floating laboratory whose mission is to protect water quality. The flagship of DWR's Environmental Monitoring Program enables staff to conduct water quality, nutrient, and lower trophic (phytoplankton, zooplankton, and benthos) monitoring of the Delta. The research vessel plays a critical role helping to meet water quality objectives and the mandated requirements of biological opinions issued by the courts to guide water quality issues in the Delta. More information is in this [news release](#).

CVFPB Approves 26 Delta Levee Subventions Agreements

Twenty-Six Delta Levee Subventions Program Agreements have been signed by Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) Executive Officer Leslie Gallagher. Every year CVFPB reviews, approves, and enters into an agreement with local agencies for funding of this critical maintenance grants program, which was authorized by the Legislature in 1973. More information is [here](#).

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The [December 2016 issue](#) of *Estuary News* is online. Article titles include "A Harry Potter View of SLR," "Urban Jungle Inspires Unique Regulatory Tack," "Banking Fish Food?," "Options for Estuary Orphans," "Fishway Under Freeway," and "The Dirt on Flea Control."

Council posts video explaining how it protects Delta farmland

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) has posted a video, titled [Protecting Farmland](#), which explains how the Council works with cities and counties as they develop and implement their land use and transportation plans. The [Delta Plan](#), a comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Delta developed by the Council, emphasizes the protection of the Delta's farmlands and encourages cities and counties to keep urban development in areas already planned for urban uses.



There will be no Delta eNews next week. The next edition will be January 5.



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