

SWRCB changes hearing dates/locations and public comment deadline for SED

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has filed a draft revised Substitute Environmental Document (SED), on the [proposed updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary](#) and is recirculating it. The public hearing dates and locations have been changed and are listed in this [revised public notice](#). The public comment due date has also been changed to January 17. Also, there is a [revised draft order of proceeding](#).

Seminar title is Food Webs of the Delta, Suisun Bay, and Suisun Marsh

The Delta Science Program, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Restoration Grants Branch, and the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program will present a brown bag seminar, titled Food Webs of the Delta, Suisun Bay, and Suisun Marsh, December 6 in Sacramento. Larry Brown, Ph.D., Research Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey, will discuss what-eats-what in the Delta, how aquatic food webs are shaped by different landscapes, and how these consumer-resource systems have changed from historical to present conditions. More information, including remote access, is [here](#).

Reclamation will conduct update on NMFS and USFWS BiOp on CVP and SWP long-term operations

The [U.S. Bureau of Reclamation \(Reclamation\)](#) will conduct an informational/update meeting December 6 in Sacramento to give stakeholders and the public a forum to provide input regarding the NOAA's [National Marine Fisheries Service's \(NMFS's\)](#) and the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's \(USFWS's\) Biological Opinion \(BiOp\)](#) on the long-term operations of the [Central Valley Project](#) and the [State Water Project](#). Public input is sought regarding the various regulatory actions prescribed by their respective Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives. More information, including the public meeting notice, is [here](#).

Delta ISB meeting will review program comments

The Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) will conduct a teleconference meeting December 8 in Sacramento. The meeting will review two sets of comments. The first set is directed to the State Water Resources Control Board staff about the working draft Scientific Basis Report prepared to support the [Phase II updates](#) of the [Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan](#), and the second set is a comment letter to the organizers of the [2016 Bay-Delta Science Conference](#). Agenda and public access information is [here](#).

Public is invited to an aquatic science review of California WaterFix

At the request of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Delta Science Program will convene [Phase 2A of the California WaterFix Aquatic Science Review](#) December 8–9 in Sacramento. The purpose of the review is to provide the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with an independent scientific evaluation of the methods and approaches for developing the joint Biological Opinion requirements and analyses prepared for the CDFW 2081 (b) Incidental Take Permit application for California WaterFix. The Phase 2A review will focus on the latter. Public meeting notice and webcast details are [here](#).

Delta Science Program posts *The Delta on Fast Forward: Thinking Beyond the Next Crisis*

The Delta Science Program has posted [The Delta on Fast Forward: Thinking Beyond the Next Crisis](#), which is a summary that includes seven new perspectives on *The State of the Bay-Delta Science, 2016* (SBDS, 2016), a suite of tools that advance Delta science and eight forward-thinking actions. Individual SBDS, 2016 papers were published earlier this year in the [July](#) and [October](#) issues of the online journal, [San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science](#), with the final volume scheduled for release in December.



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