



Delta Science Program will conduct Phase 2B of the California WaterFix Aquatic Science Review

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has requested select staff from the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program to conduct [Phase 2B of the California WaterFix Aquatic Science Review](#), which will take place January 23–24 in Sacramento. The purpose of the California WaterFix Aquatic Science Peer Review Phase 2B is to provide the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with an independent scientific evaluation of draft sections of the NMFS' and USFWS' Biological Opinions on California WaterFix for all federal Endangered Species Act-listed aquatic species and their critical habitat. More information, including webcast access, is [here](#).

Skip Thomson is new Delta Protection Commission Chair

Solano County Supervisor Skip Thomson has been elected to serve as Chair of the Delta Protection Commission (DPC), effective January 3. Thompson served as the Solano County representative to the DPC since 2013, following his prior service as a DPC member 1993–2002.

Also, The Delta Protection Commission will meet January 19 in West Sacramento. Location, time, and agenda are [here](#).

CVFPB releases Draft Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2017 Update

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) has released the [Draft Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2017 Update](#). The public comment period ends March 31. More information, including how to submit comments, is in this [news release](#).

Delta Stewardship Council video explains the Delta Levees Investment Strategy

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) has posted an [online video](#) in which Council member Patrick Johnston explains how the 2009 Delta Reform Act tasked the Council to update priorities for State investments in the Delta levee system to reduce the likelihood and consequences of flooding.

California Water Law Symposium will focus on MWD's purchase of five Delta islands

Existing initiatives and proposals designed to sustain the Delta will be the focus of the [13th Annual California Water Law Symposium](#), January 21 in San Francisco. This year's theme is California's Bay Delta—Understanding What's at Stake for the Region's Future. The presentations will include a look at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD's) recent purchase of [five Delta islands](#).

Contaminates in the San Francisco Bay-Delta Symposium is January 31

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program and the University of California, Davis, Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute, with additional support from the State Water Resources Control Board, is sponsoring a day-long symposium January 31 in Davis, titled [Contaminates in the San Francisco Bay-Delta: Novel Tools and Approaches to Evaluate Effects of Multiple Stressors](#). The symposium is an overview of the impacts of multiple stressors on aquatic ecosystems, with an emphasis on novel tools and approaches developed for toxicological studies. The event is free and open to the public. [Registration](#) is requested by January 26. More information is [here](#).



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