

SWRCB posts schedule for Part 1 continuation of California WaterFix water right change petition hearing

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has posted the [hearing dates and room schedule](#) for the Part 1 continuation of the California WaterFix water right change petition hearing. Webcast of the hearing will be available at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

Council Lead Scientist candidates will make presentations

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and the U.S. Geological Survey will conduct two brown bag seminars during March in Sacramento featuring two candidates for the Council's Lead Scientist.

- John Callaway, Ph.D., a professor and graduate program director at the University of San Francisco, will make a presentation March 20, titled Understanding Mud and Carbon in the San Francisco Bay Wetlands, Insights for Incorporating Science into Management. His expertise is in wetland restoration, specifically wetland plant ecology and sediment dynamics. More information is [here](#).
- William Cooper, Ph.D., a professor at the University of California, Irvine, and a program director at the National Science Foundation, will make a presentation March 21, titled Constructed Wetlands as a Sustainable Approach for Treating Emerging Organic Chemicals of Concern. His research interests include sunlight-mediated photochemical reactions in natural waters and free radical chemistry of aqueous solutions. Recently, he has been involved in the application of ozonation for ballast water. More information is [here](#).

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2017 Northern California Dockwalker Program training registration is now open

The [California Dockwalker Program](#) increases boater awareness about clean and safe boating. This improves the recreation experience in the Delta while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality. The program is led by the [California Coastal Commission](#) and the [California Division of Boating and Waterways' Boating Clean and Green Program](#) and is implemented in partnership with [The Bay Foundation](#). There are more than 500 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 47,000 boater kits since 2000. [Registration](#) to train for this volunteer program is now open.

MWD Special Committee on Bay-Delta meeting agenda, materials, and recorded video are posted

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD's) Special Committee on Bay-Delta has posted the [agenda, meeting materials, and recorded video](#) of the February 28 meeting.

Delta Smelt Culture Program: From Experiments to Reinforcement workshop is May 18

As part of the [Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy](#), DWR is coordinating a multi-agency workshop, titled The Delta Smelt Culture Program: From Experiments to Reinforcement, May 18 in Davis. The workshop will examine if and how hatchery propagated delta smelt could be utilized to aide in species recovery. Experts from other successful recovery programs will provide their insights, guidance, and lessons learned to assist on the important next steps for the possible use of captive delta smelt. [Registration](#) cost is \$20.00 and is limited. Registration deadline is May 8. More information is [here](#). For questions, contact JoAnna Lessard: joanna.lessard@fishsciences.net or 530-888-7773 ext. 13.



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