



delta news

Current issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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CDFW issues incidental take permit for California WaterFix

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an incidental take permit for the construction and operation of California WaterFix in compliance with Section 2081(b) of the California Endangered Species Act. This permit authorizes the incidental take of State-listed species associated with future operation of the State Water Project (SWP) with the addition of the California WaterFix. This includes construction of certain proposed water conveyance facilities within the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, along with operation of the SWP subsequent to and incorporating the newly constructed facilities for California WaterFix and future SWP operations. More information is in this [news release](#).

Final seminar of brown bag series on flow targets and ecology is August 18

The final brown bag seminar in the flow targets and ecology series, titled California Floodplains and the Fish That Use Them, will be August 18 in Sacramento. Carson Jeffres, Ph.D., will discuss how fish historically utilized habitats in the Central Valley, but because of development, their life histories are now disconnected from the currently available habitat. Dr. Jeffres will illustrate how restoration of these connections can reconcile fish with their habitat. More information, including WebEx access, is [here](#). The Delta Stewardship Council's [Delta Science Program](#), [California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Watershed Restoration Grants Branch](#), and the [Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program](#) co-sponsor this series.

Delta Stewardship Council Appoints John Callaway as Lead Scientist

[Dr. John Callaway](#), an internationally recognized expert in wetland restoration, specifically wetland plant ecology and sediment dynamics, has been unanimously appointed by the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) as Lead Scientist. More information is in this [news release](#). Also, the Council has named Jessica Law, the Council's Special Assistant for Planning and Science, to the post of Chief Deputy Executive Officer. More information is in this [news release](#).

Delta Stewardship Council posts online video on the importance of the IEP

The Delta Stewardship Council has posted an [online video](#), which explains the significance of the [Interagency Ecological Program](#) (IEP) in advancing the ecological health of the Delta. The IEP is a consortium of three State and six federal agencies that all have some responsibility overseeing the ecological health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

MWD posts brief report on California WaterFix

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) has posted a brief report, titled [Why California WaterFix is Important](#), in its Metropolitan Today & Tomorrow series.



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