

Central Valley Bird Club symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club presents four days of workshops and presentations, from Thursday through Sunday, November 15–18, at the [Hilton Hotel in Stockton](#). Flock together for four days with other birds of a feather at this year's Central Valley Bird Club symposium! There will be something for every bird lover, including bird identification presentations, photography and sketching workshops, field trips and more! Visit the [website](#) for full details.

Salty water causes some freshwater harmful algae to release toxins

A new U.S. Geological Survey [laboratory study](#) of two potentially toxic types of freshwater cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, found that exposure to salty water can damage cyanobacteria cell walls, causing them to release their toxins into the water. This finding suggests that understanding the mixing of fresh and salt water, which takes place in many coastal water bodies around the world, will help researchers understand the toxic effects of these harmful algal blooms.

Delta Risk Management Strategy

Overseen by the California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the [Delta Risk Management Strategy](#) (DRMS) evaluated the [sustainability](#) of the [Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#) and assessed major risks from floods, seepage, subsidence and earthquakes, sea level rise, and climate change. DRMS also evaluated the consequences and developed recommendations to reduce and manage the associated risks.

Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program full proposal solicitation now open

The Cycle 4 full proposal solicitation period for the Delta Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program opened on October 22. Full proposals must be received by the Conservancy by 5:00 p.m. on December 18. Applicants should direct all questions to prop1grants@deltaconservancy.ca.gov. Full proposal application materials and answers to the emailed questions will be posted [here](#).

Full proposals are only accepted for projects that have submitted a concept proposal during this round. A list of the concept proposals that were received can be found [here](#).

DWR breaks ground on Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

The Department of Water Resources (DWR), along with State and local partners, celebrated the groundbreaking of the Delta's largest tidal wetlands restoration project. The [Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project](#) will re-establish a rich ecological network that will boost survival rates of endangered fish and wildlife while also protecting neighborhoods against flooding.



For more information about the Delta, go to <https://www.water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/The-Delta>
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