

WATER-RELATED MEETING UPDATES, INFORMATION

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The following water-related meeting updates and information on water reports were compiled by the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum, www.sacramentoriver.org/srcaf/, which works with resource management and restoration efforts along the river.

MEETINGS

Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

The six-county group will be holding three public workshops to gather input on regional planning. This is an opportunity to discuss community issues such as drinking water supply reliability and quality, stormwater and flood management, urban and ag water supplies, fisheries, stream and wetland protection and restoration.

All three meetings will be similar, with a webinar available for Colusa:

- Jan. 18, 9-11 a.m., Feather River Tribal Health Auditorium, 2145 Fifth Ave. in Oroville
- Jan. 18, 2-4 p.m., Red Bluff Community and Senior Center, Westside Room, 1500 S. Jackson St. in Red Bluff
- Jan. 19, 3-5 p.m., Colusa Indian Community Council, Community Center Building, 3740 Hwy. 45 (off Wintun Road) in Colusa.

The session in Colusa will be available via the Internet. www.nsvwaterplan.org. People interested in water are asked to complete an online questionnaire. The "survey" link is at the top of the website listed above.

Sacramento River Regional Forum

The Department of Water Resources and local partners sponsor the Regional Forum, 12:30 p.m. Jan. 20 in several locations. This forum is about water management issues and the Sacramento River Hydrologic Region, including the California Water Plan, the Association of California Water Agencies Groundwater Program and Planning for an Uncertain Future.

Locations are:

- Corning — City Council Chambers, 794 Third St.
- Mount Shasta area — Mt. Shasta Resort, 1000 Siskiyou Lake Blvd.
- Oroville — County Building, 78 Table Mountain Blvd., Oroville
- Redding — Lema Ranch/McConnell Foundation, 800 Shasta View Drive
- Sacramento — Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S St., First Floor

Webinar options are available online at:
www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=jan2012 or, contact Mary Randall at mrandall@water.ca.gov or 528-7407.

13th annual Snow Goose Festival

January 26-29, with more than 70 field trips, workshops and a banquet Jan. 28. Headquartered in Chico at the Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave. Registration and costs and information available at: www.snowgoosefestival.org/ or email: info@snowgoosefestival.org

Northern California comments on Delta Plan

WILLOWS — A meeting to gather public comments about the Delta Plan environmental impact report will be 6 p.m. Jan. 19 at the City Council Chambers in Willows, 201 N. Lassen St.

This is one of five to be held in different regions of the state.

The Delta Plan is being developed by the Delta Stewardship Council, and is intended to improve water supply reliability and restore and enhance the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Delta Stewardship Council has come up with 12 regulatory policies and 61 recommendations for state and local agencies. There are also five alternative plans that are being analyzed.

The meeting in Willows, and other parts of the state this month, will include an overview of the Delta Plan, and time for recording comments.

The deadline for written comments is Feb. 2. Final adoption is planned for this spring.

On the Internet: www.deltacouncil.ca.gov

REPORTS

Wildlife agency visions

Department of Fish and Game and the California Fish and Game Commission Draft Interim Strategic Vision, 104 pages, was released in November and contains potential recommendations for the agencies.

The Draft Plan can be viewed at: <http://vision.ca.gov>

Bay Delta Conservation Plan

The U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the California Natural Resources Agency, and the California Department of Water Resources are providing a series of preliminary draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan and environmental review chapters.

The public update is 1-4 p.m. Jan. 25 in Sacramento:

<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Home.aspx>

DWR Publication

A newly released Climate Change Handbook for Regional Water Management developed by the Department of Water Resources, the U.S. Environmental protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Resources Legacy Fund. This Handbook provides information on considerations regarding changing climate.

www.water.ca.gov/climatechange/CCHandbook.cfm