



DSC to post final Delta Plan next week, vote on May 16

On Monday, May 6, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will be posting the [final Delta Plan](#) (redline version). This version will feature red lines on the portions of the plan that have been changed since the most recent staff draft. It will go before the DSC on Thursday, May 16, for a vote on whether it should be adopted. Council members will also vote to certify an environmental impact report and to adopt a package of regulations that will implement the policies of the Delta Plan. The meeting [agenda and notice](#) will be posted Monday as well.

PPIC hosting conference related to new Delta report

A [conference](#) on developing a healthier Delta ecosystem will be held May 10, in Sacramento. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) is hosting the event. Earlier this week, the PPIC released a report with recommendations for the Delta. The list includes improvements to the oversight system that involves dozens of government agencies. Details are available in this [news release](#). The full report is available [here](#).



Construction dates set for south Delta rock barriers

Construction of the [south Delta rock barriers](#) is scheduled to begin next week at the Old River near Tracy. The work there is set to start on May 6, and then begin on the Middle River on May 13, and on the Grant Line Canal on May 20. Closure of the Middle River barrier is scheduled for May 17, followed by the Old River on June 4. The closure of Grant Line Canal barrier will be determined based on the Delta smelt conditions. Details on the rock barriers are available [here](#).

A public chance to ask about Delta water quality monitoring

Several state and federal agencies will be on hand at [two public meetings](#) this month to discuss the ways they conduct water quality monitoring in the Delta. DWR, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be among those answering questions about their effort. The meetings will be Tuesday, May 14, in Stockton, and Thursday, May 16, in Courtland. They are being convened by the [Delta Conservancy](#). The conservancy has also posted its [spring newsletter](#).

Application deadline for Delta fellows program is May 20

The deadline to apply for the [Delta Science Fellows Program](#) is less than three weeks away. Up to 10 fellowships for pre-doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers will be awarded for proposals addressing priority topics from the Delta Plan policy areas. Applications must be in by Monday, May 20. The program is administered by the California Sea Grant. Details are available [here](#). The transcript from a [question and answer session](#) during a recent program webinar has also been posted.



Report calls on FEMA to detail flood risk near levees

A report from the National Research Council says the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) needs a more modern approach to analyzing and managing flood risk behind levees. The report calls on FEMA to give communities near levees a clearer idea of the risks they face, and it cited the 2009 [Delta Risk Management Strategy](#) as a reference for risk analysis. Details and a link to the report are in this [news release](#).



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