



Wednesday's snow survey encouraging, but drought lingers

Yesterday's snow survey indicates California's mountain snowpack is 107 percent of normal for the date. This time last year, snow water content statewide was 80 percent of normal. But DWR Director Mark Cowin cautioned: "We must remember that even a wet winter will not fully offset three consecutive dry years or pumping restrictions to protect Delta fish so we must continue to conserve and protect our water resources." [Read more.](#)

Delta water forum this Saturday at University of Pacific

The University of Pacific Inter-American Program, Hispanics for Political Action and the Coalition of Mexican American Associations will sponsor a forum this Saturday, March 6, in Stockton on current water issues, including water and farm employment in the Delta, conveyance alternatives and levee stability. Recent water legislation and the water bond will also be discussed. Another forum will follow on April 3. [Read more.](#)

Biodiversity Council plans session, tour next week in Suisun, Fairfield

Integrated water management in California is the subject of a two-day session of the California Biodiversity Council, next Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11, in Fairfield/Suisun. The session will include a tour and a meeting. You must register if you plan to attend. [You can register and find agendas here.](#) The agendas are still being finalized and will be posted soon. If you have questions, contact Lauren McNeese (916) 445-5845 or Sherry Cooper at (530) 752-1581.

UC Davis seminar on how aquatic tech center can help Delta

The U.C. Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture in conjunction with the Delta Science Program and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a seminar March 15 on how an aquatic technology center can help address conservation needs of imperiled Bay-Delta aquatic species. [Read more.](#)

'Soiree' fundraiser set for World Water Day next Thursday

The Sacramento Water For People Committee is holding a fundraiser soiree next Thursday, March 11, to mark World Water Day 2010: Communicating Water Quality Challenges and Opportunities. The keynote speaker will be the CEO of Water For People, Ned Breslin, who has experience with NGOs in the water and sanitation sector since the 1980s. Tickets are \$10. [Read more.](#)

Corps of Engineers works to efficiently OK minor-impact activities

The Corps of Engineers Sacramento District will more efficiently authorize activities with minor impacts on the aquatic environment that involve discharges of dredged or fill material into Delta waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or work or structures in navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act in California. [You can find more information here.](#)

Comments on levee vegetation standards due by March 11

The process for obtaining a variance from new vegetation standards for Delta levees and flood walls has been posted. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to update its current process for requesting a variance from vegetation standards for levees to reflect organizational changes and incorporate current agency-wide review processes. Written comments must be submitted on or before March 11. [Go here for details.](#)

Delta flow criteria focus of SWRCB meeting on March 22

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a public informational proceeding on Monday, March 22, to develop flow criteria for the Delta ecosystem necessary to protect public trust resources. If necessary, the meeting may be continued on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24. The meeting(s) will be held in Sacramento. [Go here for meeting details.](#)



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