



Preliminary results show bubble screen keeps salmon on course

According to a report in this month's CalFed [Science Report](#), preliminary results from a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation-led project show that a sound, air and light barrier was successful in keeping juvenile Chinook salmon in the San Joaquin River and out of Old River on their way to the ocean. In the past, a solid rock barrier was installed at the junction of the Old and San Joaquin rivers near Lathrop during the spring salmon migration period to keep the smolts out of Old River and away from water diversion pumps.



DWR finishes Delta in-water geotechnical drilling

In-water geotechnical drilling activities in support of the environmental review process for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) have come to an end for 2009. DWR filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and completed its review under the California Environmental Quality Act for the drilling work. DWR is the Lead State Agency for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan In-water Geotechnical Drilling Project under CEQA. [More info.](#)

Delta key in Fresno TV station's water crisis program

Water — or lack of water — from the Delta was key in a TV news discussion program in Fresno on Monday. Presented by KMPH, the program **Central Valley Water Crisis** featured wide range of water experts (including DWR representatives), members of the Valley's congressional delegation, farmers, environmentalists and even a federal judge -- U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Wanger, who has made several decisions affecting water and the Delta. [You can watch a taped version of the program here.](#)

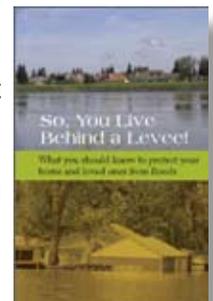


Final public scoping meeting set for North Bay intake project

DWR proposes to implement a North Bay Aqueduct Alternative Intake Project to improve water quality and reliability of State Water Project deliveries to the Solano County Water Agency and the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. It must prepare an environmental impact report and it scheduled three public meetings to discuss the scope and content of the EIR. The first two were held earlier this week. The final meeting will be held next Monday, Dec. 14 in South Sacramento. [You can find meeting details and other information here.](#)

Civil engineers publish booklet titled: 'So, You Live Behind a Levee!'

Most people know that levees are built near rivers and lakes to reduce flooding risk, but what does it mean to live behind one? Are you safe from floods? How much protection does the levee really provide? What do you need to know to be safe? ASCE's new public education booklet, *So, You Live Behind a Levee!*, was created to answer those questions. Written for both the engineers and public, it covers flood size and risk, signs of trouble, ways to reduce risk, and how to prepare for and respond to emergencies. And if you look close, many of the photographs are from the Sacramento area. [Go here for more information.](#)



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