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ABAG-CALFED TASKFORCE / BAY AREA WATER FORUM

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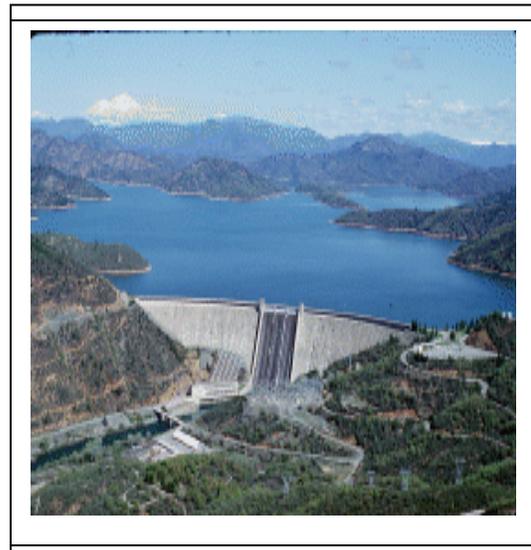


Date: March 15, 2005

ABAG/CalFed Task Force and Bay Area Water Forum Meeting Schedule:

- ✚ Water and Land Use Subcommittee - TBA
- ✚ Legislative and Policymaking Subcommittee - TBA
- ✚ March 23, 9:00- 10:00 am Budget and Strategic Planning Subcommittee
- ✚ March 23, 11- 12:00 pm Communications Work Group Subcommittee
- ✚ March 28th, 10:30 – 1:30 TASK FORCE/WATER FORUM **An RSVP is required to reserve a lunch. Contact Administrative Asst., Kim Dixon (see above).**

Photo: Shasta Dam and reservoir. Shasta Dam was completed in 1945, the keystone of the vast Central Valley Project. Shasta Lake is the largest reservoir in California. The project dammed three major Northern California Rivers: the Sacramento River, the Trinity River, and the Pit River and transformed the region. Urban areas receiving CVP water supply include Redding, Sacramento, Folsom, Tracy, most of Santa Clara County, northeastern Contra Costa County, and Fresno. Photo:: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.



For a variety of reasons, the Task Force and Water Forum meetings will be professionally facilitated for the foreseeable future. For those unfamiliar with facilitated meetings, the format is unlike that of a normal business meeting. The facilitator may review “ground rules” for open discussion, for example, and make other suggestions about communications goals and styles. For newcomers to our process, the ABAG-CALFED Task Force is a body of elected officials from local governments and water districts that are appointed by the ABAG Executive Board, with non-voting participants from non-governmental organizations. The Task Force sits concurrently with a newly formed Bay Area Water Forum which is non-voting, consensus and broad-based with an open membership. The Task Force/Water Forum is currently funded through grants and in-kind contributions from the membership. Much of the preparatory work for the Task Force/Water Forum is accomplished in sub-committees and work groups. The Ecosystem Restoration and Implementation Sub-Committee meets under the auspices of the San Francisco Estuary Project.

Welcome / Update

The ABAG Executive Board has appointed two new members to the Task Force. We welcome each of them:

- ✦ ✦ Supervisor Bill Dodd, Napa County
- ✦ ✦ Supervisor Mary Piepho, Contra Costa County (alternate: Chief of Staff, Ryan Klobas)

We also welcome new participants with the ask Force/Water Forum:

- ◆ Mary Warren, Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ◆ Steve Ritchie, South Bay Salt Pont Restoration Project
- ◆ Laurel Marcus, CLSI
- ◆ Kristin Ohlson, Friends of Sausal Creek
- ◆ Steve Goldbach, BCDC
- ◆ Josh Bergstrom, East Bay Watershed Center
- ◆ Janet McBride, ABAG
- ◆ Dale Hopkins, Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ◆ Leslie Johnson, Conservation Strategy Group
- ◆ Abby Fateman, Contra Costa County
- ◆ Jeff Sharp, Napa County Planning



ABAG-CALFED Task Force and Bay Area Water Forum Leadership. From left to right, beginning top left: **Cynthia Murray**, Marin County Board of Supervisors and ABAG Member, Task Force/Water Forum Chair; **Greg Zlotnick**, Board Member, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Task Force/Water Forum Vice Chair; **Grant Davis**, Executive Director, The Bay Institute, Bay Area Water Forum Vice Chair; **John Coleman**, Water and Land Use Subcommittee Chair, **Mike Rippey**, Budgetary & Strategic Planning, and Legislative Subcommittee Chair, **Patricia Jones**, Assistant Executive Director, ABAG, Communications Work Group Chair.
 Missing photo: **Larry Kolb**, Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board, Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee Chair.

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NEWS LINKS

Petaluma OKs treatment plant; Unanimous vote comes after no ratepayer dissent; project expected to begin this summer Santa Rosa Press Enterprise – 3/1/05

A new wastewater treatment facility that will cost approximately \$130 million is on the way for Petaluma. The new plant will produce at least 200 million gallons of tertiary-treated wastewater in its first year, allowing the city to save nearly \$1 million a year spent on drinking water now used on a golf course, parks and other landscaped areas.

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050301/NEWS/503010329/1033/NEWS01>



DWR Releases California Water Plan Update “Highlights” document for Advisory Committee Review

On March 1, the State Department of Water Resources provided the California Water Plan Update Advisory Committee a preview of the Highlights document and an opportunity to make a last round of comments before DWR releases the Water Plan Highlights document and the Water Plan Public Review Draft of Volumes 1-4 early this April. These documents are not yet accessible from DWR's public web site, according to DWR management.

Water issues mark St. Helena mayor's race, Napa Valley Register 3/02/05

http://www.napanews.com/templates/index.cfm?template=story_full&id=35B45436-2E84-4B11-981A-0D3AA6001E43

Kuehl Introduces Water Bill to Help State Live Within Its Means

Planning and Conservation League E-Newsletter

SB 820 (sounds like “H2O”) is Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Chair Shiela Kuehl's new proposal to promote an environmentally sustainable water future in California. No single bill or law could accomplish this, but SB 820 contains many significant steps that are ripe for action, including strengthening requirements for cost-effective water conservation, new requirements for accurate reporting of groundwater and surface water use, periodic DWR reporting on how much water it can reliably deliver, and requirements that Urban Water Management Plans consider global warming and the energy used in water supply. Mindy McIntyre, Water Policy Specialist for PCL said, “We are thrilled that Senator Kuehl has included many of the recommendations from the *Investment Strategy for California* which we prepared for Water for California.”

Senate Democrats float package of clean-water measures

San Diego Union Tribune- 3/10/05

Copley News Service

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20050310/news_1n10pollute.html

Lawsuit filed over water study; Penngrove-based group says expansion plans faulty. Santa Rosa Press

Democrat – 3/10/05 A group of Penngrove residents, who sued Rohnert Park in the past to curtail its ground water pumping, have filed another lawsuit seeking to invalidate a water study that enables the city to annex land for new development. <http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050310/NEWS/503100331/1033/NEWS01>

SHASTA LAKE : Raising lake level would drown sites sacred to the Winnemem Wintu

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2005/02/27/BAGSOBHKJ11.DTL>

Photo: Sacred Lands Film Project



◆ **SPECIAL REPORTS – AGENCY / ASSOCIATIONS**

FROM THE URBAN WATER INSTITUTE

4th Annual Urban Water Institute Clean Water Act Conference “Making Water Quality Regulations Work” April 7th and 8th 2005 Sutton Place Hotel, Newport Beach www.urbanwater.com For information call: 949-679-9676

FROM THE CALIFORNIA BAY DELTA AUTHORITY

President Bush Proposes \$77 Million for CALFED-Related Programs: President Bush has proposed spending \$77 million for CALFED-related programs in fiscal year 2006, up from the \$58.2 million approved in Fiscal 2005. The budget unveiled in early February earmarks about \$11 million for water storage feasibility studies, \$10 million for the Environmental Water Account, \$14 million for water use efficiency efforts and \$26 million (including Central Valley Project Restoration Fund programs) for ecosystem restoration activities. A presentation on the federal budget and other finance issues is available at http://www.calwater.ca.gov/CBDA/AgendaItems_2-9-10-05/Supplemental_Mailing%20Agenda_Item_10-6_%20Attachment_11.pdf.

10-Year Finance Plan, Water Use Fee Options Discussed: The California Bay-Delta Authority continues to refine cost-sharing options for funding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program over the next 10 years. Options include proposed new water user contributions to help fund programs such as the Ecosystem Restoration Program, Environmental Water Account, Science Program and Delta Levee Programs. The 10-Year Finance Plan framework adopted by the Authority in December has been incorporated into the proposed state budget unveiled by Governor Schwarzenegger in January. Authority staff will continue to develop options for new water user fees and seek input from stakeholders and state lawmakers through March. The Authority will be asked to formally recommend a user fee and broader long-term financing options in April, in anticipation of incorporating the recommendation into the May revision of the Governor’s proposed budget. The finance plan and funding priorities were key discussion items at a February 9-10 joint meeting of the Authority and the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Council. They also were the subject of a Feb. 15 oversight hearing before the state Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. More on the finance plan is available at <http://calwater.ca.gov/FinancePlanning/FinancePlanning.shtml>

EWA Technical Review Panel Issues Recommendations: A team of experts convened by the California Bay Delta Authority Science Program has issued its fourth annual technical review of the Environmental Water Account (EWA) that includes several recommendations for the development of a long-term EWA. A key element of the CALFED Program, the EWA seeks to better protect fish by providing water and flexibility to modify water project operations in the Bay-Delta and still meet the needs of water users. The Review Panel found that while the EWA has done an effective job of assuring water supply reliability to water users and providing an acceptable level of fish protection, it faces several challenges, including finding ways to measure its effectiveness as a fish protection strategy. The complete review is accessible at <http://science.calwater.ca.gov/workshop/ewa.shtml>.

FROM THE U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Water Contracts are Renewed for Farms and Cities; Water Service and Settlement Contracts Expiring After 40 Years – 2/25/05 The Bureau of Reclamation’s Mid-Pacific Region is nearing completion on contract negotiations with about 200 water districts and water contractors in the Central Valley Project (CVP), and starting today Reclamation will begin signing long-term contracts for 25 or 40 years, depending on contract type. In addition, Reclamation has completed the required environmental compliance, including Endangered Species Act (ESA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for all but a few of the contracts. ESA and NEPA compliance requirements will be completed prior to execution of any contract. The renewed contracts provide water for homes and businesses in Antioch, Applegate, Auburn, Avenal, Brentwood, Campbell, Citrus Heights, Clayton, Coalinga, Colfax, Concord, Cupertino, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Fresno, Fresno County, Gilroy, Granite Bay, Huron, Lindsay, Loomis, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Martinez, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Oakley, Orange Cove, Orangevale, Pacheco, Palo Alto, Penryn, Pittsburg, Placer County, Pleasant Hill, Port Costa, Redding, Rocklin, Roseville, Sacramento, Sacramento County, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Nella, Saratoga, Shasta County, Shasta Lake, Sunnyvale, Tracy, Visalia, Walnut Creek, and West Sacramento. <http://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=4281>

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Around the Bay Region

- ✦ Bay Area Water Conservation and Water Supply Agency Information
<http://www.bawasca.org/>
- ✦ Zone 7 Water Agency Information
<http://www.zone7water.com/current.html>
- ✦ Solano County Water Agency Information
<http://www.scwa2.com/info.html>
- ✦ Sonoma County Water Agency Information
<http://www.scwa.ca.gov/projects.html>
- ✦ Contra Costa County Water District Information
<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/CWPROJDB/Restoration%20Projects%20from%20the%20Atlas.htm>
- ✦ San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Capital Improvements Update
http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC_ID/7/MSD_ID/6/MTO_ID/NULL/C_ID/1451
- ✦ Alameda County Clean Water/Watershed Program
http://www.acgov.org/pwa/dept_development_services_clean_water_prog.shtml
- ✦ Alameda County Water District
<http://www.acwd.org/>
- ✦ The Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County
www.napawatersheds.org
- ✦ Santa Clara County
<http://www.sccgov.org/channel/0,4770,child%253D30022%2526sid%253D12867,00.html>
- ✦ Marin County Public <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PW/Main/index.cfm>
- ✦ Sonoma County <http://www.sonoma-county.org/prmd/index.htm>
- ✦ San Mateo County http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/smc/departement/home/0,,5562541_9876759,00.html
- ✦ Delta Protection Commission <http://www.delta.ca.gov/>
- ✦ Santa Clara Valley Water District Information <http://www.heynoah.com/>
- ✦ Contra Costa Water District Information <http://www.ccwater.com/>
- ✦ Marin Municipal Water District Information <http://www.marinwater.org/whatsnew.html>
- ✦ East Bay Municipal Water District Information <http://www.ebmud.com/>
- ✦ Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb2/>
- ✦ The Bay Institute <http://www.bay.org/main.htm>
- ✦ North Bay Watershed Association <http://www.nbwatershed.org/pages/welcome.php>
- ✦ Water Bond Coalition <http://www.waterbondcoalition.com>
- ✦ North Coast IRWM Program <http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/>
- ✦ State Coastal Conservancy <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/index.htm>
- ✦ League of Women Voters of the Bay Area <http://www.lwvba-ca.org/>
- ✦ Bay Conservation and Development Commission <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/>
- ✦ California State Coastal Conservancy <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/>
- ✦ Bay Planning Coalition <http://www.bayplanningcoalition.org/>

Alameda Creek. Photo credit: Alameda Creek Alliance.



Water and Land Use

Is 'impervious surface' limit intended everywhere? *Half Moon Bay Review*

What would limiting the amount of impervious surface mean for development in the Midcoast? Though their project is still in the planning stages, Peck and Barber are concerned a change to the Midcoast Local Coastal Program limiting the amount of "impervious surface" in new development could kill their project. They want the wording changed - something San Mateo County intends to do. http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/local_news/story09.txt

Oakley wants to annex area caught in urban growth debate **Contra Costa Times – 3/15/05**

In the open space and farmland that now separate Oakley's eastern neighborhoods from the brackish waters of the Delta, developers plan several thousand new homes that will further complicate life in the quickly urbanizing area... Out along East Cypress Road and up Bethel Island Road, a series of new neighborhoods -- with 5,000 or more homes -- will sprout out of the soggy soil in the next few years. <http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/email/news/11139646.htm>

Pacifica may have water for Montara, Moss Beach *By Jeanine Gore--Half Moon Bay Review*

In two months North Coast County Water District in Pacifica may suddenly find itself awash in thousands of extra gallons of water per day - water that theoretically could be sold to Montara and Moss Beach. There's a catch: No pipeline exists to carry the water and none has been planned. http://www.hmbreview.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/local_news/story07.txt

WATER SUPPLY PLANNING:

Results flow from Paso basin models; Additional water from proposed Nacimiento pipeline would benefit in the long run, study finds
San Luis Obispo Tribune – 3/3/05

A computer model of the Paso Robles groundwater basin has helped predict the future effects of municipal and agricultural growth. <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mld/sanluisobisopotribune/living/community/11040312.htm>

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Expansion of urban limits debated
Elected leaders, homebuilders and environmentalists to meet

Cecilia M. Vega, Chronicle Staff Writer

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2005/02/26/BAGA7BH94F1.DTL>



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Regional Watershed Information

The Bay Region has an abundance of watershed research, planning, protection and management activity. We can't list all of the organizations who do good works in this area, but we can point you to some. If you know of an organization you'd like to see represented in the Task Force/Water Forum E-Memo, please contact Kim Dixon at kimd@abag.cagov.

- ✚ The **San Francisquito Watershed Council Steering Committee** meets at the Peninsula Conservation Center. Contact Pam Sturner for meeting information: PamS@Acterra.org. The group has a final draft of a vision document for the watershed.
- ✚ The **Oakland Museum** acts as an important repository of regional watershed information <http://www.museumca.org/cgi/search.cgi>
- ✚ **Alameda County Watershed Information:** <http://www.carcd.org/wisp/alameda/>
SAN LORENZO CREEK WATERSHED: Trout going upstream need some help
Oakland Tribune – 3/14/05 "Go fish!" is not just a card game. It could serve as a rallying cry for efforts to help steelhead trout migrate upstream along the San Lorenzo Creek watershed. The watershed encompasses nearly all of Castro Valley and parts of Hayward and San Lorenzo.
- ✚ **Urban Creeks Council Watershed Information:**
http://www.urbancreeks.org/Current_Projects.html
- ✚ **Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Information:**
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/watershedmanagement.htm>
- ✚ **Association of Bay Area Governments** Regional watershed information. Regional Planning Program. KathleenV@abag.ca.gov.
- ✚ **Marin County Watershed Information:**
http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/main/comdev/Watershed/WMP_Pt1.pdf
- ✚ **North Bay Watershed Association:** <http://www.nbwatershed.org/pages/welcome.php>
- ✚ **California Resources Agency:** Water Management Initiative: <http://cwp.resources.ca.gov/>
- ✚ **CalFed Watershed Information** <http://calwater.ca.gov/Programs/Watershed/Watershed.shtm>
- ✚ **Putah Creek:** <http://www.watershedportals.org/lpccc>
- ✚ **Russian River Watershed Council:** <http://www.rrewc.net/>
- ✚ **The Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County**
www.napawatersheds.org
- ✚ **SF PUC Watershed Information:** http://sfwater.org/main.cfm/MC_ID/4/MSC_ID/68
- ✚ **Contra Costa County Watershed Information:** <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/CWPROJDB/Restoration%20Projects%20from%20the%20Atlas.htm>
- ✚ **East Bay Watershed Center:** <http://www.merritt.edu/~envst/watershed.html>

Western Drought and Water Supply News

NOAA IDENTIFIES CAUSES FOR LATEST WET WEATHER IN WEST

Feb. 25, 2005 — Storm-fatigued Southern Californians will catch their breath again as mainly dry conditions are forecast into the weekend following the latest round of remarkable precipitation. NOAA National Weather Service meteorologists have closely examined the ocean-atmosphere conditions, which influenced the most recent round of California storms. Unlike the period from late December through early January, the latest period of heavy precipitation was related to two conditions: the ongoing weak, but diminishing, El Niño in the tropical Pacific, and a blocking pattern over western North America. **(NOAA animation of satellite images taken from December 2004 and January 2005.) Please credit "NOAA."**)

"No two El Niño's are exactly alike," said Vernon Kousky, lead ENSO forecaster at NOAA Climate Prediction Center. "Weak El Niño conditions have existed in the tropical Pacific since late last summer through mid-January 2005, with little effect on the global atmospheric circulation and precipitation patterns. However, in early February the atmosphere finally started to react to the weak El Niño," he added. Precipitation over the warm waters of the west-central equatorial Pacific increased and became more persistent. By mid-February the Pacific jet stream responded by strengthening and extending eastward into the eastern North Pacific.

Also, a blocking pattern developed along the west coast of North America. Blocking refers to the situation when the normal eastward progression of the jet stream and weather disturbances is obstructed, which can lead to episodes of prolonged extreme weather conditions. The persistent weather extremes can last from several days up to a few weeks, often accompanied by significant temperature and precipitation variation. "These two features combined to give southern California its latest heavy precipitation event," Kousky said.

Between February 17 and 22, the NOAA National Weather Service reported:

- ✚ Up to 22 inches of rain in the mountains of Los Angeles County with up to 14 inches in coastal and valley regions.
- ✚ Snowfall between one and two feet in the mountains of central California with more than three feet in some spots (39.0 inches at Tamarack Summit in Fresno County).
- ✚ Tornadoes that damaged structures and downed trees from San Diego County to Sacramento; waterspouts and several hovering funnel clouds were also reported.
- ✚ Hail up to the size of quarters that pelted central and southwest California and even covered the ground in California's Madera Co.

In Contrast, NOAA scientists identified the Madden Julian Oscillation, or MJO, and blocking as likely culprits for [January's severe winter weather](#) in the West. The MJO produces alternating periods of El Niño-like and La Niña-like features that can influence precipitation events in the western United States. "The key difference between the two events is that the January's sequence of events lasted nearly three weeks while the most recent one lasted only about a week," said Kousky. "Though El Niño conditions are expected to weaken during the remainder of the winter, NOAA scientists note that persistent convection near the date line may continue to influence the circulation and precipitation patterns over

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the eastern North Pacific during the next few weeks."

"The important science here is that we are improving our physical understanding of the interactions among ocean conditions, and atmospheric precipitation and jet streams," said Jim Laver, director of the NOAA Climate Prediction Center. "NOAA's definition of El Niño is simple when compared to the complexities of the environment, yet it is sufficient to encompass most events," he added. Boosted by the wet October and December of 2004, this year's soggy start has made this the third rainiest "wet season" in downtown Los Angeles with 33.87 inches between July 1 and February 24. Topping the list is the 1883-1884 season with 38.18 inches. Through February 24, 20.34 inches of rain has fallen this year compared to the average of 6.49 inches and last year's 2.50 inches. In San Diego this is the third wettest season with 19.64 inches of rain through February 24 and is 12.49 inches above average for the period. The top-ranking season is 1883-1884 with 25.97 inches.

Among many things, NOAA is the lead government agency charged with forecasting and monitoring El Niño and La Niña. A transition from weak warm-episode (El Niño) conditions to El Niño-neutral conditions is expected during the next three months. NOAA will issue its next El Niño/La Niña Diagnostic Discussion on March 3, 2005.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources. NOAA is part of the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#).

Late Breaking News



PUBLIC WORKSHOP SERIES Join the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) in charting the course for San Francisco's future water supply. Attend the upcoming public workshop series -- *Expanding San Francisco's Water Supply Options* -- to shape the development of **San Francisco's Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP)**.

http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MSC_ID/101/MTO_ID/195/MC_ID/7/C_ID/2361/holdSession/1

WORKSHOP SERIES DATES:

Workshop #2 March 16, 2005 Topic: IWRP Performance Criteria and Overview of Evaluation Process

Workshop #3 April 27, 2005 Topic: Evaluating Water Supply and Demand Management Options

Workshop #4 June 8, 2005 Topic: Reviewing Water Supply and Demand Management Alternatives

Workshop #5 July 20, 2005 Topic: Presentation of Draft San Francisco Integrated Water Resources Plan

LOCATION: All workshops will be held at 1145 Market Street, 1st Floor (Hetch Hetchy Conference Room)

TIME: Each workshop will go from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

For additional information about workshops, please contact Karen Hurst at khurst@sfwater.org (415-551-4637) or Suzanne Gautier at sgautier@sfwater.org (415-554-3204).

Statewide Public Meetings for the Environmental Water Account

The Bureau of Reclamation will be holding statewide public meetings during the month of March to gather public comments for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and an Environmental Impact Report for the Long-Term Environmental Water Account (EWA).

The EWA is a component of the long-term environmental plan adopted by CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The EWA will provide additional protection to speed the recovery of listed fish species as part of the Record of Decision (ROD).

The public meetings are being held in several regions of the state to solicit and gather public input, issues, concerns, suggestions and potential solutions. Comments can be submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation Sacramento Office by no later than April 22, 2005.

Courtesy of the Association of California Water Agencies

GROUDWATER LEGISLATION: House passes bill for groundwater cleanup in Santa Clara Valley Sacramento Bee – 3/15/05 Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives on Monday passed a bill to spend \$25 million cleaning up groundwater in the Santa Clara Valley that's contaminated with perchlorate.

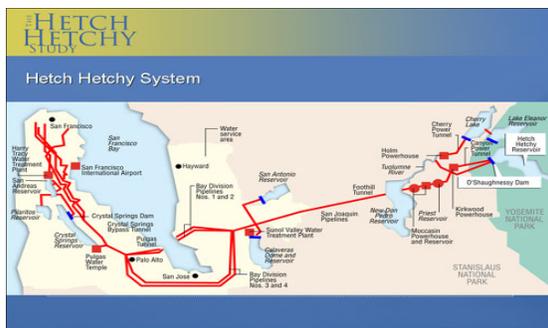
The bill by Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Tracy, would address contamination in water supplies for some 80,000 residents of Morgan Hill, Gilroy and an unincorporated community in between. Cleanup costs to rid the water of the toxin, a common byproduct of defense and industrial manufacturing, have been estimated as high as \$150 million.

The legislation, which passed on a voice vote, would require local authorities to provide matching funds of 35 percent.

http://www.sacbee.com/state_wire/story/12561401p-13416458c.html



The Resources Agency has asked the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to review existing studies on the impacts of restoring Hetch Hetchy Valley. View the special DWR web site of information:
<http://hetchhetchy.water.ca.gov/>



For more information, please go to our website at:
[Http://calfed.abaq.ca.gov/](http://calfed.abaq.ca.gov/)