



Governor Brown signs abandoned vessels bill

On September 19, Governor Jerry Brown signed [AB 2441](#) into law. This bill, sponsored by Assemblymember Jim Frazier, secures a necessary ongoing source of funding for the removal of commercial vessels that have been abandoned or left derelict in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Abandoned vessels and the issues related to them are key topics of discussion and advocacy for the [Bay Planning Coalition's Marinas & Boatyards Committee](#). The committee worked together to develop a [support letter](#) that was sent to Assemblymember Frazier on August 3rd. It met again this week to hear a [presentation](#) by Beth A. Pollard, Executive Director of the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency, on the situation in Richardson's Bay and the work of her organization.

First Fridays in Walnut Grove

The next First Friday will be October 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in [Walnut Grove](#). The [Tong Gallery](#) and other participating locations in Walnut Grove are open later in the evening on the First Friday and through October. Enjoy a leisurely stroll and Delta breeze while browsing the unique, store-front offerings in this Delta legacy town.

Sacramento Century Challenge

Start at the [Capitol Mall](#) in Sacramento at 7 a.m. on October 6 and meander through the California Delta Wine Region for the Sacramento Century Challenge. Register to ride 100, 63, 36, or 16 miles of flat roads with gorgeous scenery. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sacramento. Proceeds from this year's Sacramento Century Challenge will go to the [Sacramento Children's Home Crisis Nursery Program](#). Get all the details and [register online](#).

Delta Science Program brown bag seminar

The [Delta Science Program](#) is pleased to announce an upcoming [brown bag seminar](#) led by Jeffrey Mount, "Ecosystem Water Budgets: A Novel Approach to Managing Water for the Environment." This seminar will take place Thursday, October 18, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the [Park Tower Plaza Building](#), Suite 350, 980 Ninth Street, Sacramento. The common regulatory approach to managing water for ecosystems is to set minimum flow and water quality standards. This talk will discuss an alternative approach to defining ecosystem water budgets that can be managed like a water right, including flexible timing and location of use and the ability to store and trade. For more information and to access the webcast, please click [here](#).

Registration now open for fall sandhill crane tours in San Joaquin County

The [California Department of Fish and Wildlife \(CDFW\)](#) is now accepting online reservations for docent-led tours of sandhill cranes and their wetland habitat at the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, just west of Lodi in San Joaquin County.

Registration and additional information is available at the [CDFW Bay Delta Region's Sandhill Crane Wetland Tour page](#). Please note that purchase of a one-day Lands Pass for a nominal fee is required with registration.

CDFW is also proud to co-sponsor the [Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival](#) scheduled for November 2–4.



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