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Draft Monterey County conservation strategy released for comment

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is accepting public comments on the draft <u>Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy</u> (RCIS). The <u>RCIS Program</u> provides non-binding assessments that cover conservation goals. The <u>comment deadline</u> is Tuesday, Jan. 12.



Central Valley managed wetlands webinar to be held this Friday

A <u>webinar</u> examining the water policy of managed wetlands in the Central Valley will be presented on Friday, Nov. 20. Ellen Wehr from the Grassland Water District will discuss the work being done to help wetlands adapt and persevere in light of urban development and increasing regulation. The webinar is being presented by the <u>Waters Program</u> at Sacramento State.

Assessing the flood risk brought on by increasing heavy rainfall

With climate change expected to increase the number of heavy rainfall events, it is unclear how much the storms will affect the number of people at risk from floods in the United States. A new study published by the



American Geophysical Union uses climate models and flood models to determine the flood risks across the country. Details are available in this <u>news release</u>.

Scientists release community guide for addressing climate change

The <u>Union of Concerned Scientists</u> has released a <u>community guide</u> for addressing climate change in the San Joaquin Valley. The guide has information and ideas on dealing with climate change issues, particularly those involving water and agriculture. There are also adaptations strategies to cope with various issues.

PPIC report looks into setting priorities for California's water

A report from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) looks at how the events of 2020, including a worldwide pandemic and major wildfires, affected California water issues. *Priorities for California's Water* covers several key elements that need to be addressed. The list includes safe and affordable water, reducing uncertainties in agricultural water supplies, and investing in forest health.



Rethinking Water webinar series gets underway tomorrow

The <u>inaugural webinar</u> in the Rethinking Water series will be presented tomorrow, Nov. 19. The series is presented by the <u>Columbia Water Center</u> and <u>Sciens Water</u>. The initial webinar will look at the U.S. water infrastructure and how aging facilities are leading to poor water quality is some areas.