

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

March 23, 2018



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE BRANCH

Status Report and Work Activities

Flood Risk Reduction Projects and Planning Activities

- **Marysville Ring Levee Phase 2A South and 2C Environmental Update**
 - The Department of Water Resources plans on giving an informational briefing on the status of the Joint Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Initial Study with USACE on Phase 2A South and 2C of the Marysville Ring Levee. Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the design refinements and revised project description is expected to be requested by DWR at the April Board Meeting.

- **Sacramento River Bank Protection Project at the Sacramento River, River Mile 57.2**
 - CVFPB transferred the operation and maintenance responsibilities to Reclamation District 900 for the River Mile 57.2 project. The transfer was completed through the delegated authority of the Executive Officer on March 1, 2018 for the following USACE completed elements:
 - 2,200-foot long setback levee;
 - Installation of a Seepage cutoff wall; and
 - Relocation of South River Road

- **Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) Feather River West Levee Project**

Staff is working with USACE, SBFCA, and Department of Water Resources to present an informational briefing before the Board for the proposed Sutter Basin Flood Risk Management Project (SBFRMP) along the 4.9 miles of unimproved west levees of the Feather River between Cypress Avenue and Star Bend. The presentation is expected to occur at the April Board meeting.

 - Staff continues to process fourteen permit applications for the encroachments along the Feather River West Levee Project Area B. Additional applications are expected from SBFCA in the coming months.

Time Variance Requests

Staff continued issuing Time Variance Requests for several agencies, including:

- Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency
- High Speed Rail Authority
- City of Modesto
- WSAFCA Southport Levee Improvement Project

Safety Element and Adequate Progress Reviews Workshop

Staff is developing content for the April 13, 2018 public workshop related to staff's review of General Plan Safety Element and Adequate Progress submittals. The purpose of the workshop is to gain Board concurrence on staff's proposed review processes for both General Plan Safety Element and Adequate Progress reviews. Pursuant to California Government Code (CGC) Section 65302.7, the Board provides review of Safety Element submittals by cities and counties; and pursuant to CGC Section 65007, the Board provides review of Adequate Progress submittals by local maintaining agencies.

408 Flood System Alteration Projects Summary

Table 1 presents a summary of Section 408 flood system alteration projects that staff is currently engaged with, including pre-application coordination and review of submitted permit applications.

Table 1: Status of 408 Flood System Alteration Permit Applications

Agency	Project	Board	USACE	
			Review	Level
DWR	Yolo Bypass Lower Elkhorn Basin Setback Project	Staff to review draft environmental documentation upon public release	Review is underway with start of new federal fiscal year	Division
RD 17	Phase III Project	RD17 submitted an encroachment permit application on 11/27/2017 for the emergency berm constructed in Spring 2017. However, USACE may consider the emergency work as part of Phase III project.	Endangered species consultation ongoing; final 408 approval may be delegated to Division per new draft 408 guidance	Division
RD 2062	River Islands Phase II	Staff to review the design when available	Ongoing	Division

Key:

Board = Central Valley Flood Protection Board

DWR = California Department of Water Resources

RD = Reclamation District

USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update

Board members and staff have been working through the various implementation committees to continue discussion centered around improved operation and maintenance and identification of necessary funding.

The Coordinating Committee met on February 28, 2018 to continue the discussion on operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement (OMRR&R). The presentations included USACE inspection requirements by Ryan Larson with the USACE, State maintained areas and State maintenance areas by Michael Sabbaghian with DWR, levee maintaining agencies by Scott Shapiro with Downey Brand, and operations and maintenance and System Wide Improvement Framework compliance by Drew Stresser with Levee District 1 (LD-1) in Sutter County.

Staff is coordinating a meeting with LD-1 and SBFCA to discuss current operation and maintenance practices and compliance with SBFCA's SWIF for the Sutter-Butte Basin. The goal of this first meeting is to begin to develop a path forward for LD-1 to improve operation and maintenance activities and to discuss sustainable funding options.

The work with LD-1 will support the recently reconvened OMRR&R workgroup being sponsored by DWR's Michael Mierzwa and Michael Sabbaghian. This multi-agency workgroup is being managed by Chris Williams with DWR, and will aim to support the consideration of OMRR&R in implementation of the 2017 CVFPP Update, articulate operation and maintenance priorities for near-term funding decisions, and develop refined strategies, products, and cost estimates needed for the 2022 CVFPP Update. It is anticipated that the work from this workgroup will support future discussions at the Coordinating Committee meetings and other venues.

The next Coordinating Committee meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018. The tentative agenda includes presentations from Reclamation District 108, American River Flood Control District, the USACE, and a discussion on the invasive species of the Nutria, a large, fur-bearing aquatic rodent.