

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
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INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

**Three Rivers Levee Improvement Agency's Levee Improvement Projects in the
Goldfields**

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

Historically the Goldfields area has served as the "High Ground" Terminus of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project and State Plan of Flood Control. The Goldfields is described as High Ground in the 1953 Sacramento River Flood Control Project MOU between the Federal and State governments.

Current Status

The High Ground Terminus for the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) no longer exists for 100-year, and 200-year storm events, and also the 1957 USACE Authorized Flow for the Yuba River. As a result, areas that were thought to have 100-year and 200-year protection are still at risk.

TRLIA has constructed 100-year flood control embankments within the Goldfields to provide an interim (10-year) 100-year solution until the 200-year flood control project is constructed.

TRLIA is partnering with DWR to build a levee south of the Goldfields to provide 200-year protection; via a Prop 1E funding agreement.

- Since Prop 1E money is planned to be used the proposed project needs to be added to the SPFC.
- DWR has identified the 408 Authorization process as way to accomplish this addition.
- As TRLIA coordinates with USACE to secure Section 408 permission, the Project will be conditionally funded by DWR for design, real estate support, CEQA/NEPA activities and other related expenses. DWR will not commit funds for final real estate acquisition or construction activities prior to DWR identifying a clear path for inclusion of the Project into the SPFC.
- Given the time limitations of the Bond funding and the required duration for right of way acquisition, permitting, and construction activities as stated in the Project UFRR application package, adequate progress on securing a path to the SPFC inclusion will need to be established by December 2018.

- Adequate Progress is defined as:
 - 1) TRLIA's submittal of 408 Authorization request letter to the CVFPB requesting they initiate the 408 Authorization process with the USACE 408. This initial request is for the USACE to begin the 408 Authorization Environmental work (e.g. Section 106, and NEPA). TRLIA to make this request by March 30, 2017 to the CVFPB. (Done)
 - 2) Establishment of the Safety Assurance Review Panel by June 2017 (Done)
 - 3) USACE-SPK/TRLIA Draft EIS Public Meeting held by December 2018
 - 4) TRLIA 65% design completed by December 2018

Next CVFPB Steps

- CVFPB approve the 408 Authorization request letter to the USACE to begin the 408 Authorization Environmental work at the June 2017 CVFPB meeting.