

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT May 19, 2017



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT BRANCH Status Report and Work Activities

- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update – Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report**
 - The public review period for the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (Supplemental Program EIR) ended on March 31, 2017. DWR received approximately 129 comments on the Supplemental Program EIR. DWR received substantial comments from Tribal governments, and is currently engaged in the comment response effort and tribal consultation. Due to the extent of the comments received from the tribes, DWR will not be able to meet its May 19 date for certification of the Supplemental Program EIR. DWR will provide Board staff with schedule updates as more information comes to light. The Supplemental Program EIR team and Board staff coordinate regularly. Environmental staff from both DWR and the Board will continue to provide monthly updates, as needed, to the Board on the activities surrounding the Supplemental PEIR.
- **Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee Working Group**
 - Per the direction of the Board at the April 28, 2017 CVFPP Workshop, Board staff and Board Member representatives met with DWR and representatives of the Advisory Committee to discuss incorporation of the Recommendations into the 2017 CVFPP Update as well as any outstanding issues that remain. These proposed revisions will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future Workshop.
- **Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project**
 - Board staff continues to work with DWR and USACE on the CEQA and Environmental Permitting Subgroup. In addition, Board staff is participating in the Project Delivery Team meetings for early and ongoing coordination for design and environmental planning activities. DWR plans to release a second Administrative Draft of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for Board review and comment in the coming weeks. Board staff will continue to provide updates on the activities surrounding the project planning activities.
- **Feather River EIR/EIS for the Feather River Regional Permitting Program**
 - Board staff attended a kickoff meeting on May 5th for the scoping of the Feather River Regional Permitting Program Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS). DWR provided responsible/cooperating discretionary agencies with an overview of key elements of the Program, discussed the contents of early work products for the EIR/EIS,

and reviewed key questions that will drive the schedule. Board staff also attended the May 2, 2017 Feather River Regional Permitting Program EIR/EIS Site Tour, visiting Cherokee Canal, Feather River Setback Levee, and Tisdale Bypass.

- **Yolo Bypass Core BiOp Planning Team Meeting**

- Staff attended the May 4, 2017 Yolo Bypass Core BiOp Planning Team Meeting. DWR staff provided the status of the Yolo Bypass Early Implementation Projects: Wallace Weir, Agricultural Crossing and Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Modification Project, and Lisbon Weir Fish Passage Project.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AND REAL ESTATE SUPPORT
Status Report and Work Activities
****Indicates new activity this month**

- **Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) Leases:** Below is a summary of completed and recommended activities to the SSJDD leases:
 - Work is ongoing with the State Lands Commission (SLC) to create a system whereby the scope of work of the interagency agreement between the CVFPB and the SLC to administer the SSJDD oil and gas leases is maximized to the benefit of the CVFPB and Board Staff.
 - Work is ongoing to renew the Hogback Island bank protection lease number PRC 3300.9 with the SLC.
 - Work is ongoing to determine best option for obtaining current fair market value for SSJDD leases, to obtain updated maps and exhibits for SSJDD leased properties, to obtain a legal review of relevant Water Code of SSJDD lease public bid process to ensure proper procedures are followed in lease renewal process, and to prepare SSJDD lease renewals.
 - **Work is ongoing to convert out-of-date SSJDD land surveyor drawings and tracings to aerial picture shape files of existing SSJDD leased parcels.

- **Real Property Conveyances:** *real estate transactions resulting from CVFPB approved permits.*
 - **Work is ongoing to acquire flood control levee easements as a special condition of the following Permits:**
 - No. 18303-3 for WSAFCA, West Sacramento, CA.
 - No. 18257 for Atlas Tract RD-2126, Stockton, CA.
 - Nos. 17858-97 for Mossdale Marina, Lathrop, CA.
 - No. 14389-1 for the Rivers Development, West Sacramento, CA.
 - No. 19109 DLM Partners Chowchilla Canal Bypass
 - No. 15178-1 Marysville WWTP
 - No. 14455 License Renewal for gas line in Sutter Bypass for CRC.

- **Right of Way and Real Estate Support Activities**
 - Work is ongoing to provide real estate support services in conjunction with the geodetic branch for all CVFPB Staff in the form of verifying existing SSJDD flood control property rights and providing exhibits.

- **Other Miscellaneous Activities**

- Work is ongoing to review a legal description from Sutter County for Sacramento Avenue across the Sutter Bypass; the County is perfecting their roadway rights for a new road alignment.
- Work is ongoing to acquire a parcel in fee from the American River Flood Control District (ARFCD) on La Rivera Drive at Howe Avenue on the left bank of the American River for the primary use of establishing a staging area to support emergency flood fights; ARFCD will be responsible for the O&M of the parcel.
- **Negotiations are ongoing to acquire an easement from the City of Sacramento for a water line in the Garden Highway levee near Orchard Lane in for an existing water line the City recently acquired.
- **Coordination with the Geodetic Branch on perfecting the legal descriptions on flowage easements that will be acquired from the USACE for the Three Amigos project in Stanislaus County.
- **Researching and formulating a response to a Public Records Act request for information regarding SSJDD property rights in Yolo County.
- **Work is ongoing to respond to multiple various counties and other local government requests for weed abatement maintenance requests and coordinating said requests with the maintenance yards and LMAs.
- **Provided real estate support services to Environmental Staff regarding the Enterprise Casino project and the boundary of an adjacent SSJDD inundation easement.
- **Working with Board Staff, USBR Staff & USFWS Staff on access to an SSJDD Parcel for the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge lift station project including providing information to USFWS Staff regarding gates along the Wadsworth Canal.
- **Coordinating with Caltrans and Geodetic Branch Staff on two Caltrans Hwy widening projects (Highways 20 and 99); Caltrans is seeking access onto SSJDD parcels for construction. In addition, Caltrans is seeking to acquire portions of fee owned SSJDD parcels for these two projects.