

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

June 22, 2018



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE BRANCH Status Report and Work Activities

Operational Programs

The work of the Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch (Branch) is organized into six Operational Programs (OP) that define the type of work being completed. The Branch will use this Executive Officer's Report to provide updates to the Board on work being accomplished within each OP.

Ongoing Efforts of Each Operational Program

Operational Program: Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

The last Coordinating Committee was held May 23, 2018. Scott Shapiro with Downey Brand led a discussion on OMRR&R including a memo created by the California Central Valley Flood Control Association on OMRR&R, and Mark List with DWR provided a presentation on DWR's Flood Maintenance Office Maintenance Area Budget.

The Board held a workshop on June 8, 2018 to discuss current and long-term Board funding strategies. Presentation topics included property management software, Enforcement Section update, permit and inspection fee schedule implementation, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District Assessment Study and path forward.

The next OMRR&R Work Group meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2018. The group will continue the discussion of priorities set during the first meeting.

The June Coordinating Committee meeting has been cancelled. It is expected that the Coordinating Committee meeting will continue in July.

Operational Program: Section 408 System Alteration Permitting

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

Board members and staff attended the dedication ceremony for the Feather River West Levee Project 1 and Yuba City Emergency Repairs held June 9, 2018 at Shanghai Bend in Yuba City. The ceremony was a celebration of the completion of the project that provides 200-year level of flood protection for urban areas in the Sutter-Butte Basin, and a recognition of completion of emergency repairs to nearly three miles of levee in Yuba City.

- **West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency – Southport Levee Improvement Project**

AECOM continues to construct the new set back levee in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. All work is being inspected by DWR, WSP (project construction managers), and the USACE. Soil samples are also regularly taken and tested by multiple geotechnical firms.

- **Lookout Slough Restoration Project (potential new project)**

Staff, DWR, USACE, Ecosystem Investment Partners, Blackburn Consulting, and Wood Rodgers are continuing to meet and discuss the steps necessary to begin the USACE 408 process for creating more than 3000 acres of habitat restoration adjacent to the west levee of the Yolo Bypass, within RD 2068.

- **Lower San Joaquin Restoration Project (potential new project)**

An application was submitted to reinforce approximately 2 miles of levee along the Eastside bypass to improve levee stability and reduce seepage. This may include modifications to the existing Eastside Bypass Control Structure, and replacement of the existing culvert at the Dan McNamara Road crossing at the Eastside bypass. The levee improvement project is to go before the Lower San Joaquin Levee District Board on June 12, 2018 for endorsement consideration.

- **Deer Creek Flood and Ecosystem Project (potential new project)**

Letter to initiate the USACE 408 process was passed on consent at the May 2018 Board Meeting. The letter has been sent to USACE. Deer Creek Watershed Conservancy (DCWC) received a \$2 million grant to develop an EIS/EIR for this project. The project includes a 408 setback levee and other ecosystem improvements.

- **Time Variance Requests**

Staff continued issuing Time Variance Requests for several agencies, including High Speed Rail Authority and the City of Modesto.

Operational Program: USACE / Board Sponsored Studies and Projects

- **Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) Sutter Basin Project**
Staff is working with USACE, SBFCA, and DWR for the proposed Sutter Basin Flood Risk Management Project (SBFRMP) along the 4.9 miles of in-place improvements to the Feather River West Levee from the Star Bend setback levee near Tudor Road, downstream to Cypress Avenue. If a federal New Start or other funding plan is granted, two Board actions are expected in the coming months, including consideration to approve a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with USACE and SBFCA and a Local PPA with SBFCA.
- **Marysville Ring Levee**
Construction of a slurry bentonite cutoff wall in Phase 2A North began on May 21, 2018. Staff is currently coordinating with DWR to schedule a media event for the construction kick-off in the coming months.

Operational Program: Adequate Progress

Staff provided Adequate Progress information to DWR legal counsel for legal analysis in early April. Staff expects to coordinate with DWR on future Adequate Progress work.

Operational Program: Safety Element Review

Staff reviewed and submitted recommendation letters to General Plan Safety Element documents submitted by cities and counties located within the boundaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District. Per California Government Code Section 65302.7, staff reviewed and submitted recommendation letters to three agencies in 2016, and five agencies in 2017. No agency submittals have been received in 2018.

Operational Program: Special Projects

Staff is processing an application for High Speed Rail's Kings River bridge project which will be before the Board for approval in near future.