

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

July 22, 2016



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Status Report and Work Activities

- **Yolo Bypass Core BiOp Planning**
 - Staff participated in a Yolo Bypass Planning and Environmental Compliance meeting on July 7th focusing on the progress of Early Implementation Projects related to Wallace Weir, Agricultural Crossings, and the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Improvement Project. An encroachment permit for the Wallace Weir Fish Passage Project is being presented at the July 22, 2016.
- **Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee**
 - Staff continues to support the Advisory Committee meetings and a draft recommendation has been developed by work group representatives based input on the following topics: 1) Flood Projects and Prioritization; 2) Permitting for Projects, and Operations and Maintenance (O&M); and 3) Regional Buy-in and Interest Group Buy-in. The next meeting of the Advisory Committee to review and comment on the draft document will be on July 21th.
- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update – Supplemental PEIR**
 - Staff continues review of the stakeholder and agency comments on the Notice of Preparation. Board staff will attend bi-weekly Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) coordination meetings with the SPEIR team. Environmental staff from both DWR and the Board will provide updates to the Board monthly on the activities surrounding the SPEIR.
- **SERP – Small Erosion Repair Program**
 - Board staff received the 2016 Notification package of annual repairs of small erosion sites on levees within the Sacramento River Flood Control Project area. Pursuant to Resolution 2012-20, the Board deemed all SERP program activities to be operations and maintenance activities not requiring Board encroachment permits. In SERP's third year of implementation, a total of 1 site will be repaired by the Sutter Maintenance Yard. The erosion site is located on the east bank of the Sacramento River, opposite the city of Colusa, at Levee Mile 4.6. If approved by the regulatory agencies, work will begin in August 2016, and finish before November 1, to avoid work during the flood season. In accordance with Resolution 2012-20, staff will provide an annual report to the Board at a future meeting.

- **Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project**
 - Staff continues to work with DWR and USACE on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Environmental Permitting Subgroup to discuss a path forward for the upcoming compliance documents. Staff will continue to meet with DWR every two weeks to address issues related to environmental permitting and organization of the upcoming CEQA document.
- **Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Culvert Replacement (WPIC)**
 - Representatives from US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), USACE Regulatory Division, DWR's Sutter Maintenance Yard, and the Board, met at the WPIC culvert replacement project site on July 12, 2016. The purpose of this site-visit is to discuss the project description in relation to the giant garter snake exclusion fence placement as part of the avoidance and minimization measures, as well as the de-watering technique and specifics on how in-channel work is going to be completed when water is in the channel.
- **Programmatic Section 7 Consultation - Section 408 / SWIF**
 - Staff continues to work with the USACE and USFWS on Programmatic Consultation for Section 7 Endangered Species Act coverage to be applied to certain projects under review pursuant to Section 408, and for levee systems covered by an approved Letter of Intent and pursuing a System-wide Improvement Framework (SWIF). Next steps include finalizing the project descriptions and development of the Biological Assessment. Staff anticipates presenting progress milestones of this interagency effort at a future Board meeting.

Personnel

- **Vista Summer Preceptorship Program**
 - Board Environmental Staff welcomed Folsom Cordova High Senior, Megan Campbell, as a volunteer as part of the Vista Summer Preceptorship Program (VSPP). The VSPP is a 6 week program intended to provide students with a broad experience in workplace expectations and mastery of skills/competencies related to a selected career path.