

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

2017 California Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings

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**BRIEFING SUMMARY**

**Background**

The Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting series is an annual emergency preparedness activity that takes place each year in the fall before flood season begins on October 15. The objective of the meeting series is to provide regional and local updates on flood preparedness activities. This activity is mission critical to support local government throughout the state.

Sponsored by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in cooperation with the County Offices of Emergency Services (County OES), the target audience is managers and key emergency responders from California public agencies with primary responsibility for flood emergency response and coordination. Typically those agencies are counties, cities, flood control districts, Tribal governments, reclamation districts, and local maintaining agencies.

**Current Status**

This fall, DWR will conduct these meetings in twelve locations: six in the Central Valley, three in the Coastal region, and three in Southern California. DWR will also participate in four other preseason type meetings organized and hosted by individual County OES (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and San Diego counties). A meeting notice has been mailed to all agencies in the DWR Directory of Flood Officials as well as distributed via email to attendees of the 2015 and 2016 meetings.

New counties on this year's schedule, where we have not held a Preseason meeting in recent years, are Kings, Colusa, Sonoma, Yuba, and Solano counties. We anticipate a strong attendance this year. In 2016, a total of 444 people attended the meeting series, or an average of 37 people per meeting. The addition of a Board presentation will further enhance the agenda.

The meeting agenda reflects a collaborative effort with presentations and participation by many agencies at the local, state, and federal level. Presentations and information are provided by the National Weather Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the California Conservation Corps, CALFIRE, County OES, reclamation districts, and local maintaining agencies. Regional updates from operational areas and local maintaining agencies are encouraged for all to discuss.