

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

January 27, 2017



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Status Report and Work Activities

- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update**

- The Draft 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update was released for public review on December 30, 2016. The public review period will extend through March 31, 2017. The Board approved the Public Hearings schedule and venues for the 2017 CVFPP Update and the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) at the December 16, 2016 Board Meeting. The Board workshop schedule has been developed and venues are being secured. These workshops will occur in April, May and June, and are intended to provide the Board an opportunity to discuss the 2017 CVFPP Update, public comments, and any potential revisions made to the 2017 CVFPP Update. A webpage dedicated to the release of the 2017 CVFPP Update, the Supplemental PEIR, the Conservation Strategy and all other supporting documents has been developed and published on the CVFPB website. Board staff continues to meet with Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff regarding the 2017 CVFPP Update, including the schedule, public hearings, and the comment response effort. Board staff will provide monthly updates to the Board on the progress of the 2017 CVFPP Update Board Adoption milestones.

- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update – Supplemental PEIR**

- DWR published the Notice of Completion for the Supplemental PEIR on December 30, 2016, commencing the public review period. Public review will extend through March 31, 2017. Board staff worked with DWR to finalize the Supplemental PEIR during November and December of 2016. For the following resources, the Supplemental PEIR provides new information that was not known when the PEIR was prepared: agriculture, aquatic and terrestrial biological resources, cultural and historical resources, and groundwater. A tribal engagement meeting was held with Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians on December 12, 2016. Board staff continues to work with the DWR Supplemental PEIR team to prepare for public hearings as well as the comment response effort. Environmental staff from both DWR and the Board will continue to provide monthly updates to the Board on the activities surrounding the Supplemental PEIR.

- **Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project**

- Staff continues to work with DWR and USACE on the CEQA and Environmental Permitting Subgroup to discuss a path forward for the upcoming compliance documents.

In addition, staff is participating in the Project Delivery Team meetings for early and ongoing coordination for design and environmental planning activities. Updates will continue to be provided regarding the activities surrounding the geotechnical and CEQA/NEPA efforts.

- **Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee (DLHAC)**

- Staff attended the December 2, 2016 meeting of the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee. The Delta Protection Commission reported that the Draft Final Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study had been released that same day. On December 8, DPC will hold a subcommittee meeting to review the Report and receive public comments. The hope is to bring the Final Report to the DPC for acceptance in the January 19, 2017 meeting. There was no representative from the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) present. During the Delta District Engineer's Update agenda item, frustrations with the vetoing of SB 554 were expressed. Updates on the 2x2 meetings with the Board and DSC were requested. District Engineers want the Board to go on record in support of the Subvention Program and their stance on the veto.

- **Delta Stewardship Council (DSC)**

- Staff attended the January 17, 2017 public workshop meeting held by the Delta Stewardship Council in Stockton. This was the first of two public workshops to receive comments on the discussion draft of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy. The meeting consisted of three separate roundtable discussions on levee improvements and maintenance, non-structural risk reduction actions, and funding. The public did question DSC on the process of involving the Board, per legislation, and whether or not DSC is reviewing the draft CVFPP to coordinate with the development of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy. The next meeting will be on January 24, 2017 in Walnut Grove.

- **Environmental Training for DWR Flood Projects Office Staff**

- The Board's Environmental Services Section has developed an Environmental Training presentation and on December 9, 2016 hosted a training session for Flood Projects Office staff. The training focused on the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act (ESA), National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act and several other rules and regulations that pertain to permitting for both the Board and the Army Corps of Engineers. The training was intended to inform Project Managers and DWR staff of the environmental review process, and highlighted important timelines for the consultation process, and necessary documentation needed for ESA and Cultural resource consultation.

PERSONNEL

- On January 9th, the CVFPB welcomed Senior Environmental Scientist, Itzia Rivera, as a new staff member to the Environmental Services and Land Management Branch. Itzia comes to us from the Department of Water Resources, Division of Flood Management's

Flood Projects Office and more recently in the Division of Integrated Regional Water Management's Financial Assistance Branch, where she managed multi-benefit flood risk reduction grants. Prior to DWR, she worked as an Environmental Planner at Caltrans and as a Legislative Analyst for the State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Legislative Affairs.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AND REAL ESTATE SUPPORT

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- **Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) Leases:** Below is a summary of completed and recommended activities to the SSJDD leases:
 - Work is ongoing to renew the Hogback Island bank protection lease number PRC 3300.9 with the State Lands Commission;
 - Work is ongoing to determine best option for obtaining current fair market rental value for SSJDD leases.
 - Work is ongoing to obtain updated maps and exhibits for SSJDD leased properties.
 - Work is ongoing 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.
 - Work is ongoing to prepare for future SSJDD lease renewals
 - Work is ongoing to negotiate new terms for the Interagency Agreement with the State Lands Commission (SLC) whereby SLC manages the oil & gas lease files and inspects the oil & gas lease sites. This agreement expires on June 30, 2017, and the recommendation to renew this agreement will be presented to the CVFPB at the March Board meeting.

- **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

- **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 provide SAFCA access to a haul route across SSJDD property for the North Sacramento Streams project and Permit No. 19055.
 - 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 to 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 through an existing O&M agreement.
- Work is ongoing to renew a license agreement for a permit name change for Permit No. 14455.
- Work is ongoing to research and respond to several Public Records Act requests.
- Work is ongoing to provide the Bureau of Reclamation with a Temporary Entry Permit for the Sutter NWR Lift Station.
- Work is ongoing to acquire by quitclaim deeds flowage easements from the USACE for the Three Amigos project.
- Work is ongoing with Caltrans for highway widening projects in Sutter County on Highways 20 and 99 whereby Caltrans is proposing land transfers with SSJDD.