

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

October 28, 2016



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Status Report and Work Activities

- **Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee**
 - The Advisory Committee has come to a consensus and completed their guidance document. Board staff and Advisory Committee Members will present their recommendations to the Board at the October 28th, 2016 Board Meeting. An advance copy of the document was submitted via email to Board Members on October 7th, and is included in this month's Board Meeting materials package.
- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update – Supplemental PEIR**
 - Staff participated in the bi-weekly Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) meeting with DWR and consultants to discuss the progress of the document. A tribal engagement meeting was held with United Auburn Indian Community on October 10, 2016. Board staff member Ruth Darling, DWR staff members Michele Ng and Tim Nelson, and DWR legal counsel Lori Brock, attended this meeting. The intent of the meeting was to discuss the 2017 CVFPP Update program description and intent with United Auburn staff. Staff continues to develop a schedule for the 2017 CVFPP Update public hearings in coordination with the SPEIR public meetings, it is anticipated these meeting will occur in conjunction, during public review period of the Public Draft SPEIR. Environmental staff from both DWR and the Board will continue to provide updates to the Board monthly on the activities surrounding the Supplemental PEIR.
- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update**
 - Board staff continues to meet with DWR staff regarding the progress of the 2017 CVFPP Update, including the schedule, public hearings strategy, and the comment response effort. DWR management met with DWR Director, Mark Cowin, on October 7, 2016, to brief the Director on the 2017 CVFPP Update. The Stakeholder Draft is tentatively slated to be released by DWR in early November. Board staff update teams will be reviewing the Stakeholder draft when it's released.
- **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. Board staff attended the Public Scoping Meeting held on September 15th, 2016 from 4-7 p.m. at the City of West Sacramento Civic Center. DWR continues the geotechnical

explorations effort. Board staff will continue to provide updates on the activities surrounding the geotechnical and CEQA efforts.

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

- Staff attended the October 7th, 2016 meeting of the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee. The Delta Stewardship Council discussed the accessibility of the DLIS Decision Support Tool now available on their website and invited participation a public meeting (October 24th in Walnut Grove). The public meeting will update the community on the status of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy, presentation of the Council's draft risk reduction strategy, and discussion of actions and programs to reduce risks, including levee maintenance and improvements. The Delta Protection Commission will provide an update on the Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study at their October 20th meeting in West Sacramento. The study was initiated to identify feasible financing mechanisms to pay for levee improvements and other methods of reducing flood risk in the delta.

- **Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Culvert Replacement**

- The WPIC Culvert Replacement Project has received a Nationwide Permit 3 from USACE on August 24th. Staff coordinated safety compliance measures on-site at the proposed project location with the help of Sacramento Maintenance Yard. Staff continues to pursue funding options for securing final permits and construction of the WPIC replacement culvert.

- **Small Erosion Repair Program (SERP)**

- DWR's Flood Maintenance Office received all authorizations to move forward with the 2016 SERP repair site located on the east bank of the Sacramento River, opposite the city of Colusa, at Levee Mile 4.6. Repair work began on October 10, 2016, in-water work is planned to be completed by October 15, 2016, while the entire repair project will be finished by November 1, 2016.

- **Bullock Bend Mitigation Bank Opening Ceremony**

- Board staff attended the Bullock Bend Mitigation Bank Opening Ceremony, a newly approved 116 acres mitigation bank in Yolo County on September 27th. During the event, local, state, and Federal partners were recognized and a farm berm was breached in anticipation of winter flows of the Sacramento River to fill the site. The mitigation bank will restore floodplain function and create seasonal aquatic habitat for listed juvenile salmonid (salmon) and provide Swainson's hawk nesting habitat.

- **Wallace Weir Press Conference Event**

- On October 6th, Board staff attended the press event commemorating the Federal, state, and local efforts to complete the upgrade to the Wallace Weir structure in the Yolo Bypass. This new structure will keep adult Sacramento River salmon from straying into

the Knight Landing Ridge Cut, and allow them to compete their life cycle in suitable habitat.

- **DWR Environmental Scientist Conference**

- Board staff attended the 24th Annual ES Conference on October 11 and 12, 2016, held at the UC Davis Conference Center, sponsored by DWR. This conference provides DWR environmental scientists an opportunity to engage in information sharing, professional development and networking among colleagues and peers. Presentations on EcoRestore projects, Delta issues, and climate change were among the topics included.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AND REAL ESTATE SUPPORT TO CVFPB

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- **Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) Leases:** Below is a summary of completed and recommended activities as to the SSJDD leases.
 - Work is ongoing to renew the Hogback Island bank protection lease No. PRC 3300.9 with the State Lands Commission;
 - Continue physical and electronic file organization of the SSJDD lease files including but not limited to reviewing all active leases (e.g. agricultural, grazing, oil and gas, recreational, bank protection, etc.) and licenses.
- **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.
- **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 River Partners and the San Joaquin River parkway Conservancy Trust with a Temporary Entry Permit for access onto seventeen (17) SSJDD parcels for its San Joaquin River Invasive Species Management and Job Creations Project.
 - 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.
 - Attending monthly DFM real estate coordination meetings specifically to monitor the status of the Natomas Levee Improvement Program, Natomas Cross Canal and Sacramento River East Levee land transfers from SAFCA to SSJDD.

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 - A kick-off meeting was held on October 13th with the State Lands Commission (SLC) to insure the terms of the interagency agreement between the CVFPB and SLC are being met pursuant to the scope of work of the agreement.
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 - No. 19109 DLM Partners Chowchilla Canal Bypass
 - No. 15178-1 Marysville Wastewater Treatment Plant
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- 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 refining their roadway rights for a new road alignment.
- Work is ongoing to renew a license agreement for a permit name change on Permit No. 14455.