

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
October 27, 2017



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Status Report and Work Activities

Sacramento River Basin Flood Risk Reduction Projects and Planning Activities

- **Department of Water Resources Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback (LEBLS) Project**
 - Staff submitted the Section 408 request letter to United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) that was approved at the September Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) meeting. Department of Water Resources' (DWR) design team plans to submit the application and public release of environmental documentation in the near future.

- **West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA) Southport Levee Improvement Project**
 - Cutoff wall construction is continuing on the new setback levee for the project. The WSAFCA design team submitted a construction change request to the Board for modified fill in a limited area of the levee section. Board staff provided recommendations to the Executive Officer regarding WSAFCA's request for a construction change on a modified fill section, which was approved on September 8, 2017.

- **Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) Sacramento River East Levee Improvement Project**
 - The 90% design is complete and SAFCA is considering entering into a Project Partnership Agreement with USACE under the American River Common Features WRDA 2016 authorized project rather than seeking permission to alter the levees under Section 408.

- **Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) Feather River West Levee Project**
 - SBFCA completed installation of a cutoff wall as part of emergency repair work in Yuba City. Rebuilding of the levees is underway.

USACE 408 Project Review Process Update

The USACE's review of 33 USC 408 (Section 408) projects is resuming with the start of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 which began on October 1st. Applicants are still encouraged to submit Section 214 Agreements to ensure continued review through the year.

Section 408 Flood System Alteration Projects Summary

Table 1 presents a summary of Section 408 flood system alteration projects that staff is currently engaged with, including pre-application coordination and review of submitted permit applications.

Table 1: Status of 408 Flood System Alteration Permit Applications

Agency	Project	Board	USACE	
			Review	Level
DWR	Yolo Bypass Lower Elkhorn Basin Setback Project	Staff waiting on public release of draft environmental documentation	Review is underway with start of new federal fiscal year	Division
RD 17	Phase III Project	RD17 plans to apply for an encroachment permit for the emergency work that was completed in Spring 2017	Endangered species consultation ongoing; final 408 approval may be delegated to Division per new 408 guidance	Division
RD 2062	River Islands Phase II	Staff to review the design when available	Ongoing	Division

Key:

Board = Central Valley Flood Protection Board

DWR = California Department of Water Resources

RD = Reclamation District

USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update

Staff developed a Draft Implementation Road Map to guide committee and workgroup responsibilities and assignments. These assignments include resolving policy issues identified in Board Resolution 2017-10, and providing recommendations to the Board for implementation of the CVFPP. The immediate focus of the committees and workgroups will be to identify funding sources for continued Regional Flood Planning efforts, evaluate the viability of reutilizing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) for assessments, and related consultant support. Short-term funding will also need to be secured for repair activities related to the high water events of January and February 2017 as well as ongoing operation and maintenance activities of the existing facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC). The Executive Committee, with DWR, will oversee implementation, including work assigned to the Coordinating Committee, the Local Funding Committee, and the Advisory Committee. The Executive Committee will provide progress updates to the Board as needed on the implementation of the 2017 CVFPP Update.

On September 22, 2017 Board staff presented the 2017-2018 Draft Implementation Road Map, intended to be used as a guidance document for implementation of the 2017 CVFPP Update. Board staff also presented draft charters for the Coordinating and Advisory Committees.

On September 27, Board staff presented the Draft Implementation Road Map at the Coordinating Committee meeting where a dialog occurred between the Board, DWR, USACE, and numerous stakeholders discussing the different avenues for a successful CVFPP implementation.

At the October 13, 2017 workshop the Board approved the Coordinating Committee and Advisory Committee charters.

General Plan Safety Element Review (AB 162)

Staff has reviewed the proposed General Plan Safety Elements for San Joaquin County, Sutter County, and the City of Live Oak, and provided recommendation letters as required by California Government Code (CGC) Section 65302.7. In accordance with CGC Section 65302.7, the Board may offer recommendations for changes to the safety element regarding uses of land and policies, and methods and strategies for flood risk reduction and protection.