

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD
PROTECTION BOARD
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S
REPORT
November 16, 2018**



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
AND LAND MANAGEMENT
BRANCH**

Status Report and Work Activities

Environmental Services Section

1. Personnel

- The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) has hired Senior Environmental Scientist, Meghan Sullivan to join the Environmental Service Section. Meghan was previously employed by the State Water Resources Control Board. Meghan's tentative start date will be November 16, 2018.

2. Project Planning and Coordination

• Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Partnership Implementation

- Board staff participated in the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Partnership (Partnership) Steering Committee meeting on October 19th and planned for the next meeting of the Partnership. The next meeting of the executive-level members of the Partnership is tentatively scheduled for December 6, 2018.

3. State Agency Committee Meetings and Coordination

• Delta Levee Habitat Advisory Committee Meeting (DLHAC)

- Board staff attended the monthly meeting on Friday, November 2, 2018. The DSC and DWR presented on the integration between DWR's Delta Special Projects Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and Delta Levee Investment Strategy at the California Water Commission's October 17, 2018 meeting. DWR Delta Levees Program reported that the Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Draft PSP public review period has

been extended to November 14, 2018.

- **DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group**

- Board staff attended the October 31, 2018 DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group meeting. The objective of this bimonthly meeting group is to work collaboratively on Delta levee programmatic activities. The meeting included a discussion of the annual reporting requirements and a levee fragility curve update, the definition of “major” rehabilitation and its use in the regulations, and co-maintenance of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy Decision Support Tool. DSC’s upcoming rulemaking process comment period will be open in January 2019, is expected to be final in summer 2019. The next meeting of the DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group is November 19, 2018.

Land Management Section – Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD)

1. Personnel

- DWR Real Estate Branch (REB) hired Senior Right of Way Agent, Quentin Green, to provide real estate services to the Board. Quentin previously worked for DWR REB, and more recently, Bender Rosenthal, Inc. Quentin began work on October 26, 2018 and will be co-located at both the Board office and the REB office.

2. Leases

- Work is ongoing with the State Lands Commission (SLC) for the development of a scope of work to manage SSJDD-owned oil and gas leases. The SLC and Board staff have come to terms and the contract amendment is in progress.

- **Lease Renewals – Fair Market Value**

- Board staff is developing a public bid process in compliance with DGS public bid procedures for SSJDD lease renewals. Leases are being analyzed based on Bid Process eligibility and exemptions from the Bid Process. Contact with DGS Property Manager for guidance is ongoing.
- The SSJDD tenant, Asta Construction Company, Inc. is operating in a holdover status. The firm provides sand for levee repair to DWR and flood control agencies in the Sacramento area. Randy Bertholf, a specialist in mineral appraisals has completed the lease appraisal for the Asta Construction Co lease under the Bender Rosenthal, Inc. contract. The leasehold property is under environmental

preliminary review to be eligible for continued lease purposes.

- Board staff received a proposal from Groteguth Farms to lease property near Chico for grazing on approximately 400 acres. The property has been appraised and the property is under environmental preliminary review for a Form 77A clearance to be eligible for leasing out.

3. Real Property Conveyances and Real Estate Transactions for Board Encroachment Permits

- Acquisitions are in process for flood control levee easements (or licenses) as required by permit conditions for the following Encroachment Permits (EP):

EP No. 18257 - Atlas Tract Reclamation District (RD) 2126, Stockton, CA

- The work remaining involves necessary land exchanges between the Developer - Spanos, the City of Stockton and the SSJDD. DWR's Geodetic Branch reviewed the legal description and maps. Currently, staff are awaiting corrected documents from the applicant to issue the final deeds.

EP No. 17858 - Mossdale Marina, Lathrop, CA;

- SSJDD Acquisitions has reached out to the applicant and is working to determine what will be required for future SSJDD acquisitions.

EP No. 14389-1 - The Rivers Development (Formerly West Levee Lighthouse Marina), West Sacramento, CA;

- The remaining two easements are with the applicant for consideration and execution. REB staff is awaiting submission of the final documents.

4. Property Access, Easements and Parcel Acquisitions

- SSJDD Property Descriptions – SSJDD has granted California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a Temporary Entry Permit for access to 143 SSJDD-owned properties in four counties: Merced, San Joaquin, Solano, and Stanislaus. The permit is a two-year permit issued to allow California Department of Fish and Wildlife to survey for and eradicate the Nutria rodent on SSJDD property.
- Board staff is verifying existing SSJDD flood control property rights; legal descriptions for state standards; and providing exhibits. DWR's Geodetic

Branch work is ongoing to resolve out-of-date SSJDD land surveyor drawings and tracings. DWR staff is creating geographic information system (GIS) shape files that will include existing SSJDD leased parcels, clarify map details and improve storage and retrieval of SSJDD property holdings (deeds, documents, and maps).

- Easement Acquisition – The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has applied for an Encroachment Permit to construct a four-pump water-lift station and water pipeline system that will provide federal water to the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge Area. The water lift station and pipeline will be located at the east borrow ditch levee of the Sutter Bypass. Board staff are working with USBR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to provide an easement for the construction. The Board and USBR have negotiated a two-year Temporary Entry Permit (TEP) for Biological Site Surveys and Topographical Site Surveys. USBR must submit an appraisal to be approved and a formal offer to purchase the land rights.
- Easement Acquisition – Board staff are coordinating with Caltrans to allow entry on to SSJDD parcels for the replacement of the Wadsworth Canal Bridge on Highway 20. Caltrans has proposed the use of a Memorandum of Agreement to allow entry.
- Parcel Acquisition – Work is ongoing to acquire a parcel in fee from the American River Flood Control District (ARFCD) on La Rivera Drive at Howe Avenue along the left bank of the American River, to establish a staging area to support emergency flood-fights. ARFCD will be responsible for operations and maintenance of the parcel. ARFCD's land surveyor is drafting a legal description for DWR Geodetic Branch's review.
- Parcel Acquisition – Natomas Basin, Reach B: six appraisals have been received, two of which will go to DGS for review; negotiations with Bender Rosenthal, Inc. are planned for the remaining four. Natomas Basin, Reach H: prepared offers were sent out to property owners; subsequent meetings are ongoing until documents are executed. expected to be completed late this year.
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