

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Delta Stewardship Council Delta Levee Investment Strategy  
and  
Delta Protection Commission Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District  
Feasibility Study  
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**BRIEFING SUMMARY**

**Background**

**Delta Stewardship Council (Council) - Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS)**

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 called on the Council, in drafting the Delta Plan, to “attempt to reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by promoting effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and strategic levee investments (Water Code section 85305(a)). The Delta Reform Act also required that “the Council, in consultation with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), shall recommend in the Delta Plan priorities for state investments in levee operation, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta, including both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and nonproject levees” (Water Code § 85306).

A joint meeting of the Council and the Board was held on August 12, 2016 to discuss the DLIS. At that meeting, the Board and the Council established a working group consisting of two Members of the Board and two Council Members along with the appropriate staff to continue working on items of mutual interest and possibly bring future items to their respective agencies for consideration and/or future action.

Staff will brief the Board on the working group meetings held between the Council, Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the Board regarding the policy and recommendations amendments to Chapter 7 of the Delta Plan and the DLIS.

**Current Status**

Coordination between the Council, DWR, and the Board on the Delta Plan amendments and the DLIS is ongoing. The Council hopes to begin the CEQA process and submit a Legislative Report in early 2017.

## **Delta Protection Commission (DPC) - Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study**

### **Background**

The DPC has initiated a study to identify feasible financing options to pay for levee improvements and other methods of reducing flood risk in the Delta. The study will evaluate the potential of assessing a variety of entities with an interest in preventing Delta flooding to share in the capital investment and maintenance of Delta levees, and recommend the most feasible procedures. In addition, DWR, which funded the study, has had a long interest in a beneficiary pays system for Delta levee improvement and maintenance.

### **Current Status**

The Delta Protection Commission staff presented their draft findings and observations to the Commission on October 20, 2016. An Administrative Draft of the Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study will be available in late November. A DPC review and acceptance of the finalized Feasibility Study will take place in January 2017.