

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

November 18, 2016



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Status Report and Work Activities

- **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 Wilton Rancheria on October 20, 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 Wilton Rancheria staff. Board staff has developed a tentative 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 monthly updates to the Board on the activities surrounding the Supplemental PEIR.
- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update**
 - The Stakeholder Draft was released to Board staff on October 28, 2016. Board staff is currently reviewing the Stakeholder Draft and consolidating comments. 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. Board staff will provide monthly updates to the Board on the progress of the 2017 CVFPP Update Board Adoption milestones.
- **Coordinating Committee**
 - Staff attended the October 26th Coordinating Committee in West Sacramento. Participants heard updates from DWR staff on 2017 CVFPP Update, CVFPP Investment Strategy, and a recap of the Board's Climate Change Workshop. There was also a presentation on the proposed Conaway Ranch Setback Levee and Transitory Storage Project by Wood Rogers, Inc., Yolo County, and the City of Woodland. This item will be heard at the November 18th Board Meeting. The next Coordinating Committee Meeting will be on November 16th and there will be no December meeting scheduled.
- **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 is currently reviewing the 30% design package. The Notice of

Preparation/Notice of Intent was filed on September 7, 2016 for the joint CEQA/NEPA document. The comment period for the NOP/NOI ended on October 6, 2016. Comments on the NOP/NOI were received from the Native American Heritage Commission, Delta Stewardship Council, Yolo County, FloodProtect (Lower Sacramento/Delta North Regional Flood Management Planning Group), Pacific Gas & Electric, the Farm Bureau, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Yolo Basin Foundation. Geotechnical exploration activities are ongoing.

- **Yolo Bypass Core BiOp Planning**

- Staff attended the monthly team meeting to discuss Early Implementation Projects, including Wallace Weir, Yolo Bypass Agricultural Crossings, and the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Modification Project. Wallace Weir is expected to be completed on December 20th, weather permitting. Design alternatives for the Fremont Weir modifications were discussed with regards to hydraulics, fish passage, and agricultural impacts.

- **Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Project**

- Board staff participated in a multi-agency project meeting to discuss the Fremont Weir Adult Fish Passage Project, permits and schedule. DWR is currently working on 60% design package for submittal to USACE. An Agency review of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment will be submitted to the interested public agencies on November 14, 2016. DWR plans to have the Public Draft IS/EA available for public review December 8, 2016. DWR hopes to begin construction in 2017, as such the project boasts an aggressive timeline, DWR plans to submit their permit applications to the appropriate regulatory agencies in early December and is requesting a 6-month turn-around.

- **Delta Protection Commission**

- Staff attended the October 20th, 2016 public meeting of the Delta Protection Commission in West Sacramento. Agenda items included a recognition ceremony for Senator Lois Wolk, a presentation and report on DWR Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program by DWR Division of Flood Management Acting Division Chief Eric Koch, and a report on the Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study by Delta Protection Commission staff.

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

- Staff attended the November 4, 2016 meeting of the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee. The majority of the meeting consisted of the Delta Stewardship Council update on the Delta Levees Investment Strategy and the Draft Priorities for State Investment in Delta and Suisun Marsh Levees. This presentation led to lengthy discussion on the methodology used to prioritize the levees. The Delta Protection Commission is hopeful that an Administrative Draft of the Delta Flood Risk Management

Assessment District Feasibility Study will be complete by the end of November and ready for Commission review and acceptance by January 2017.

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 number 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.
 - 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.
- **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**
 - Attended monthly DFM real estate coordination meeting 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.
 - Work is ongoing to provide SAFCA access to a haul route across SSJDD property for the North Sac 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 renew a license agreement for a permit name change for Permit No. 14455.

- Work is ongoing to obtain an updated survey and mapping estimate from the DWR DOE Geodetic Branch for the Putah Creek Wine Cellar Encroachment.

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 - 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.
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