

**Meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board
December 18, 2015**

Informational Briefing Summary

**Sacramento Basin-wide Feasibility Study - Update regarding Tentative
Recommendations, Stakeholder Engagement and Next Steps**

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1.0 – BACKGROUND

The 2012 *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan* (CVFPP) recommends a systemwide investment approach to address flood risk management in the Central Valley. DWR initiated two Basin-Wide Feasibility Studies (BWFS) — along with the Regional Flood Management Planning effort and the Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy (Conservation Strategy) — to advance both ongoing and long-term implementation of the CVFPP. The purpose of the Sacramento BWFS:

- Refine the scale and location of major system improvements for flood management.
- Address systemwide environmental conservation needs by integrating flood system improvements and ecosystem enhancement features.
- Identify refined system elements for consideration as potential components of preferred plans and future state-federal feasibility studies.
- Inform development of the 2017 CVFPP Update and CVFPP Investment Strategy.

2.0 – CURRENT STATUS

- DWR has progressed planning and technical analysis of a wide array of Yolo Bypass options. A tentatively recommended Yolo Bypass Option has been identified for further stakeholder input.
- DWR has shared its initial findings with a diverse range of Sacramento Basin stakeholders through small group meetings with Lower Sacramento /Delta North RFMP, Feather River RFMP, Upper/Mid Sacramento RFMP, agricultural NGO's, environmental NGO's, Resource agencies, and CVFPB staff to incorporate their input in the BWFS recommendations. Several CVFPB members also participated in the small group stakeholder meetings.
- This briefing to the CVFPB will focus on Yolo Bypass planning and technical evaluations, recent stakeholder engagement, and next steps for the Sacramento Basin-wide Feasibility Study. A similar briefing was provided at the Coordinating Committee on December 16th.

3.0 – NEXT STEPS

- Continued stakeholder engagement
- Draft Sacramento BWFS report scheduled for January/February 2016.