

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

December 16, 2016



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Status Report and Work Activities

- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update**
 - The Stakeholder Draft was released to Board staff on October 28, 2016 and Board staff provided comments to DWR. DWR will present the 2017 CVFPP Update at the December 16 Board Meeting, with an anticipated public release date of December 23, 2016. DWR proposes a 90-day public review period for the 2017 CVFPP Update. The dates, time and venues for the 2017 CVFPP Update public hearings and the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) public meetings have been scheduled and await Board approval by vote at the December 16 Board Meeting. Board staff has developed a webpage on the Board website dedicated to the release of the 2017 CVFPP Update, the Supplemental PEIR, the Conservation Strategy and all other supporting documents. 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.
- **2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update – Supplemental PEIR**
 - Staff participated in the bi-weekly SPEIR meetings with DWR and consultants to discuss the progress of the document. Tribal engagement meetings have been held with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation on December 1, 2016 and the Lone Band of Miwok Indians on December 2, 2016. The dates, time and venues for the 2017 CVFPP public hearings and the Supplemental PEIR public meetings have been scheduled and await Board approval by vote at the December 16 Board Meeting. The public release for the SPEIR is scheduled for December 23, 2016 with a minimum 45-day public review period. Environmental staff from both DWR and the Board will continue to provide monthly updates to the Board on the activities surrounding the Supplemental PEIR.
- **Coordinating Committee**
 - Board staff attended the November 16 Coordinating Committee meeting held at West Sacramento City Hall. DWR presented information on policy items in the 2017 CVFPP Update. Members from the Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee presented information on their recommendations and integration into the 2017 CVFPP Update. DWR also presented an overview of the Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project. There is no December Coordinating 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. In addition, Board staff is participating in the Project Delivery Team meetings for early and ongoing coordination for design and environmental planning activities. Board staff is currently reviewing the 30% design package. Board staff will continue to provide updates on the activities surrounding the geotechnical and CEQA/NEPA efforts.

- **Delta Stewardship Council (DSC)**
 - On November 28, Board staff met with DSC staff, and the Department of Water Resources to discuss the changes to Delta Levee Investment Strategy. The goal is to go to the Council with a draft in December, hold public workshops throughout the Delta in January 2017, and have a final draft late February-early March 2017. An MOU between DWR, DSC, and the Board has been proposed to help implement the Delta Levee Investment Strategy. Meetings for scoping the MOU have not been scheduled at this time.

- **Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee (DLHAC)**
 - Staff attended the December 2, 2016 meeting of the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee. The Delta Protection Commission reported that the Draft Final Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study had been released that same day. On December 8, DPC will hold a subcommittee meeting to review the Report and receive public comments. The hope is to bring the Final Report to the DPC for acceptance in the January 19, 2017 meeting. There was no representative from the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) present. During the Delta District Engineer's Update agenda item, frustrations with the vetoing of SB 554 were expressed. Updates on the 2x2 meetings with the Board and DSC were requested. District Engineers want the Board to go on record in support of the Subvention Program and their stance on the veto.

- **Delta Protection Commission (DPC)**
 - Staff attended the December 8, 2016 meeting of the Delta Protection Commission Subcommittee on the proposed final Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study. The meeting was held to receive public comments on the Feasibility Study, released on December 2, 2016. Many stakeholders requested the public comment period be extended. DPC agreed to extend the public comment period until March 4, 2017. The California Central Valley Flood Control Association will coordinate a Delta caucus to gather additional comments on the feasibility study during this time as well.

- **Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference**
 - Board environmental staff attended the Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference held on November 15-17, 2016 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The conference is a forum for presenting technical analyses and results relevant to the Delta Science Program's mission to provide science-based information for water and environmental

decision-making within the Bay-Delta system. The conference attendance included a broad community of scientists, engineers, resource managers, and stakeholders working on Bay-Delta issues. The conference theme this year was “Science for Solutions: Linking Data and Decisions.” Discussion topics and presentations included stressors from climate change, improvements for aquatic ecosystem for fisheries, recreation, water quality and supply for urban and agricultural use.

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 - 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
 - Work is ongoing to review the Interagency Agreement with the State Lands Commission (SLC) whereby SLC manages the oil & gas lease files and inspects the oil & gas lease sites. Since this agreement expires on June 30, 2017, the benefits and possible renewal of this agreement will be presented to the CVFPB at a Board meeting in the near future.

- **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**
 - 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 research and respond to several Public Records Act requests.

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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.
 - Attending monthly DFM real estate coordination meetings 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.