

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
May 20, 2016

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

**REGIONAL PARTICIPATION in the
SACRAMENTO RIVER GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT**

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) entered into a Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement (FCSA) on June 19, 2015 to develop a General Reevaluation Report for the Sacramento River Flood Control Project, California (GRR). The primary objectives of the GRR are to identify opportunities to restore the function of the Sacramento River's aquatic ecosystem as well as further reduce flood risk. Concurrently, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is developing a Basin-Wide Feasibility Study (BWFS) for the Sacramento River. The BWFS has similar objectives to that of the GRR including improved flood risk management and the promotion of ecosystem functions. Both studies are focusing on opportunities in the Yolo Bypass / Cache Slough Complex.

Six key local agencies in the Lower Sacramento-Delta North Region – Yolo County, Solano County, West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA), Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Reclamation District 2068 and the Solano County Water Agency – have come together to form the Lower Sacramento-Delta North Regional Flood Management Planning Team (Regional Team). This Regional Team has also dedicated resources to better understand how to reduce flood risk and improve the functionality of habitat in the region. These efforts led to development of the Lower Sacramento-Delta North Region Corridor Management Framework (CMF) dated February 4, 2015. The CMF was developed as a locally preferred approach to achieving the federal, state, and local policy objectives in the region. It also emphasizes the importance of establishing long-term, collaborative, and cooperative working relationships between federal, state, and local agencies through the promotion of active participation.

Current Status

In a Letter of Intent dated April 4, 2016, the Regional Team requests CVFPB approval to join the in the development of the GRR as an additional non-Federal sponsor. The six agencies constituting the Regional Team have developed and executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated April 18, 2016 for the following purposes:

- Authorizes a single local agency, WSAFCA, to serve as signatory to an amendment to the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) on behalf of the Regional Team
- Creates a financial arrangement between the local agencies for the purpose of addressing the financial obligations associated with serving as a non-Federal sponsor.
- Establishes a three-tier governance structure between the six local agencies, including a standing executive committee, for efficient decision-making and representation by the Regional Team in the GRR Project Delivery Team (PDT).

Next Steps

- Gain USACE, CVFPB, and DWR support to join the in the development of the GRR as an additional non-Federal sponsor.
- Upon gaining support, initiate Regional Team involvement in GRR development through active participation in the PDT.
- Draft an amendment to the existing FCSA adding WSAFCA as an additional non-Federal sponsor consistent with the arrangement that exists on the American River – Common Features and West Sacramento GRR's.
- Obtain CVFPB and WSAFCA approval for execution of the FCSA amendment.