

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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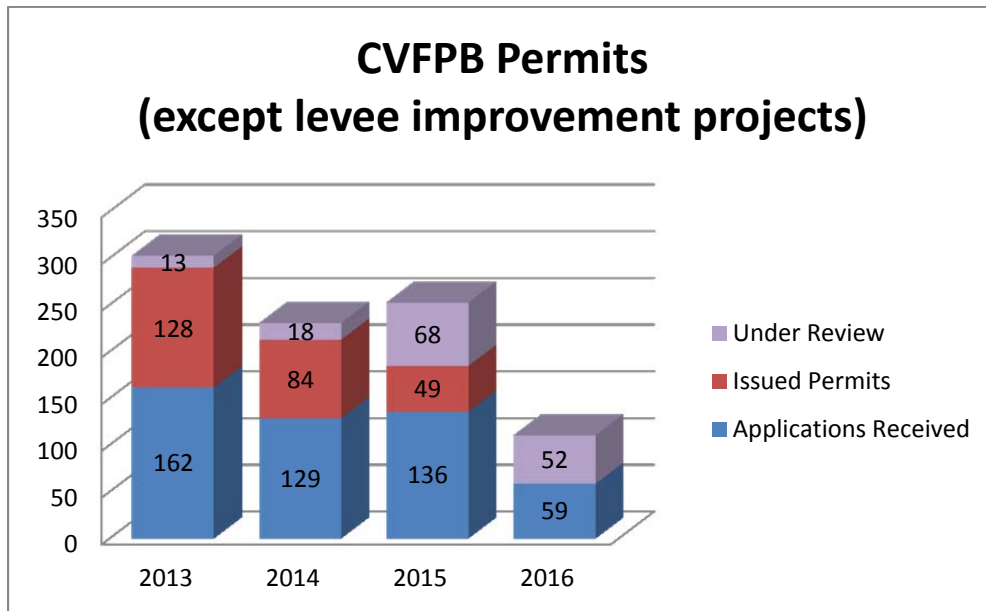
Permitting Section

Staff is attending monthly coordination meetings with DWR's Inspection Section and the USACE. The meetings focus on USACE inspections/re-inspections/levee screenings and CVFPB encroachment enforcement updates. DWR inspectors bring on-the-ground insight and recommendations to the discussion. DWR's Inspection Section is currently updating their levee logs. Currently 650 miles of the 1,600 miles of levees that are inspected by DWR have been field surveyed to identify all existing encroachments. If the identified encroachment is permitted the permit number will be included in the levee log. All of this information is useful in the processing of permit applications. The USACE is updating all Operation and Maintenance Manuals (O&M's) to incorporate wording changes and clarifications that have occurred over the years. Updated O&M's will be dated so everyone will know if they have the most current version of the O&M's. The USACE has also identified additional as-constructed drawings of the system that they will be providing to DWR and Board Staff in the near future.

Biweekly conference calls with the USACE Sacramento District Flood Protection and Navigation Section continue. All applications under USACE review that have exceeded six months review time are discussed to ensure the reviews are progressing as quickly as possible. The retirement of the USACE 408 environmental lead person this past February has impacted the review process for proposed projects that do not require a 404/Section 10 permit. Staff met with the new environmental lead person on May 9th to prioritize outstanding applications and to discuss strategies for improving communication and shortening review times. An additional environmental staff person may be added to the 408 Section in the near future to assist with the environmental review of applications. The Cultural Resources Section of the USACE Regulatory Division is also looking to add one position that will work primarily on 408 reviews. It is anticipated that the addition of these two additional staff will significantly shorten application review times.

The database has been enhanced so that it will now provide Status/Activity Hours Summary Reports. These reports will show the amount of time that was expended by staff to process a permit application. Due to the variability of time required to review similar types of projects (e.g. boat dock) it is anticipated that several months of data will be required to establish a reasonable review time average for each project category.

The following graph depicts the number of applications that have been received and issued by the Permitting Section since January 1, 2013.



The following three (3) tables provide more detailed information about the permitting process and the various stages of the review process. Table 1 provides a status breakdown of **all** permit applications from 2013, 2014, 2015, and through May 10, 2016. Table 2 provides a breakdown of applications approved by the Board but waiting for the USACE decision letter prior to issuance. Table 3 provides a status breakdown for all Executive Officer Delegated Permits from January 2015 through April 2016:

Permitting Section Update

Table 1: Application Status Breakdown of All Permit Applications

	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Total New Applications Received	162	129	136	59	486
Issued Permits	128	84	49	1	262
Incomplete Applications Returned to Applicant	1	3	0	1	5
Application Withdrawn by Applicant	3	9	7	0	19
No Response by Applicant Administratively Closed	7	5	3	0	15
No Permit Required	10	8	9	5	32
Permit Denial	0	2	0	0	2
Under Enforcement	2	3	1	0	6
Future Scheduled Applications	2	6	50	17	75
Reviewing for Completeness	6	3	8	35	52
Approved by Board but Need USACE Letter	3	6	9	0	18

Table 2: Conditionally Approved Applications

Approved by Board but Need USACE Letter	
Letter Routing	1
Additional information requested from applicant	4
In review at USACE	10
Regulatory issues/review	2
Total	17

Table 3: Executive Officer Delegated Permit Status

Month	Posted	Issued	With Enforcement	With Applicant	With USACE
January	7	4	1	1	1
February	2	1	0	1	0
March	1	1	0	0	0
April	1	1	0	0	0
May	4	2	1	0	1
June	2	1	0	0	1
July	8	6	0	1	1
August	6	2	0	1	3
September	2	2	0	0	0
October	2	2	0	0	0
November	1	0	0	0	1
December	3	3	0	0	0
January 2016	7	5	0	0	2
February	1	1	0	0	0
March	8	5	0	0	3
April	3	1	0	0	2
Totals	58	37	2	4	15

Additional information about Executive Officer Delegated Permits can be viewed on the Board's website @: <http://www.cvpfb.ca.gov/DelegatedPermitTab/index.cfm> Spreadsheets for each month provide descriptive information about the proposed project and the CEQA findings.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AND REAL ESTATE SUPPORT TO CVFPB

Status Report and Work Activities

- **SSJDD Leases**: Work is ongoing to evaluate the lease files to facilitate a comprehensive analysis of leased SSJDD properties.

- **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:
 - Nos. 17858-97 for Mossdale Marina, Lathrop, CA.
 - No. 18257 for Atlas Tract RD-2126, Stockton, CA.
 - No. 14389-1 for the Rivers Development, West Sacramento, CA.

- **Right of Way and Real Estate Support Activities**
 - Work is ongoing to provide real estate support services in conjunction with the geodetic branch for the CVFPB Enforcement Section in the form of verifying existing SSJDD flood control property rights and providing exhibits.

- **Other Miscellaneous Activities**
 - Work is ongoing with DWR's Geodetic Branch to develop the CVFPB interactive database using Accela Software. DWR's Geodetic Branch is working on the initial Accela software "build" with input from CVFPB staff.
 - Work is ongoing on various temporary entry permits and Public Record Act requests as needed.