

# CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT July 28, 2017



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## PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE BRANCH Status Report and Work Activities

### Sacramento River Basin Flood Risk Reduction Projects and Planning Activities

- **Department of Water Resources Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback (LEBLS) Project**
  - Staff received notification from Department of Water Resources (DWR) that requests for exploratory drilling in the existing levee prism is no longer needed, and requested to rescind their application. Staff is currently reviewing the second administrative draft of the EIS/EIR that was submitted on June 2<sup>nd</sup> by DWR.
- **West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA) Southport Levee Improvement Project**
  - Levee subgrade preparation along the setback levee alignment, well abandonment, and borrow earthwork testing are underway. WSAFCA will be meeting with CVFPB staff this month to discuss fill material test results.
- **Sacramento River East Levee Improvement Project**
  - Staff attended the Board of Senior Consultants meeting on June 26, 2017. The 90 percent design for the project is under review by the Board of Senior Consultants. The levee alteration permit application is planned for Fall 2017.
- **Feather River West Levee Project**
  - Construction is in underway for the Laurel Avenue levee repair project and Project Area C Gap project.

### USACE 408 Review Process Update

- On June 21, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) informed the Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch staff of a lack of funding received for 408 Permission review activities. As such, reviews of 408 projects have been suspended until the beginning of the Federal fiscal year which is October 1, 2017. USACE Sacramento District staff reached out directly to local agencies affected by the delays. Board staff is also working with local agencies to continue reviews at the State level where appropriate. Local agencies have the option of providing funds via either Section 214 (WRDA 2000) or Section 1156(a)(2) (WRDA 2016) to USACE for continued review of permits as necessary. On June 27, 2017, USACE issued a guidance memo outlining the use of non-federal funds to expedite 408 approvals. This may potentially impact the approval timeline of approximately four system alteration projects.

## **Operation and Maintenance for State Maintenance Area 7 of Sutter Butte Flood Control**

### **Agency**

- The Board received a request from the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) to approve return of operations and maintenance (O&M) activities to State Maintenance Area 7 (MA7) for levees within MA7 that were recently improved through the Feather River West Levee (FRWL) project. In consultation with DWR, Board staff reviewed the submitted information and issued a concurrence letter to SBFCA in June 30, 2017 that it was appropriate for MA7 to resume O&M responsibilities effective immediately.

### **Section 408 Flood System Alteration Projects Summary**

Table 1 presents a summary of 408 flood system alteration projects that staff is currently engaged with, including pre-application coordination and review of submitted permit applications.

Table 1: Status of 408 Flood System Alteration Permit Applications

Agency	Project	Board	USACE	
			Review	Level
DWR	Yolo Bypass Lower Elkhorn Basin Setback Project	Staff is reviewing 2 <sup>nd</sup> admin draft of EIR.	Exploratory drilling program request rescinded by DWR.	District
RD 17	Phase III Project	RD17 released 65% design in January 2017. RD17 plans to apply for encroachment permit for the emergency work completed in Spring 2017 after the as-built drawings are prepared.	Endangered species consultation ongoing; final 408 approval may be delegated to Division per new 408 guidance	Division
RD 2062	River Islands Phase II	Staff to review the design when available	Ongoing	Division
SAFCA	Levee Accreditation Project, North Sac Streams	Staff issued the permit on June 21.	Letter of Permission Issued.	Division
SBFCA	Laurel Avenue Repair Project	Staff received the USACE Letter of Permission of March 8, 2017 and issued Permit 18793-4 on May 1, 2017.	USACE issued 408 Letter of Permission on March 8, 2017. Cultural resources consultation nearly complete	District

## Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2017 Update

Table 2 represents a summary of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan workshops for the proposed adoption of the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update.

Table 2: Board Sponsored Workshops

	Completed Workshops
	Future Workshops

Location	Date	Venue	Topic
West Sacramento	Friday, April 7, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Civic Center Galleria 1110 West Capitol Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95691	Public Comment Overview and Implementation Committees
Sacramento	Friday, April 28, 2017 *2 hour Workshop after Regular Business Board Meeting	Sacramento City Hall Building Room CH119 915 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Conservation Strategy and comments received
Sacramento	Friday, May 19, 2017 *2 hours of Plan Workshop before Regular Business Board Meeting	Sacramento Public Library Room 409 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Identify key focus areas for 2017 CVFPP Update and discuss the 2017 Resolution
West Sacramento	Friday, June 9, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Department of Environmental Services 3500 Industrial Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691	Conservation Strategy wrap-up/ Review of 2012-25 Reso/ Proposed comment responses
Sacramento	Friday, June 23, 2017 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. *2hr Workshop after regular Board Meeting	Sacramento Public Library West Room 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Discussion of proposed comment responses - wise use of floodplains/veg policy
West Sacramento	Friday, July 14, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Department of Environmental Services 3500 Industrial Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691	Discussion of proposed comment responses – climate change, consequence of inaction
Sacramento	Friday, July 28, 2017 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sacramento Public Library West Room 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Discussion of documents to be adopted/finalize draft board resolution
West Sacramento	Friday, August 11, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Department of Environmental Services 3500 Industrial Blvd. West Sacramento, CA 95691	Present the Resolution of Adoption and Docs to be Adopted
Sacramento	Friday, August 25, 2017 Regular Business Board Meeting	Sacramento City Hall Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Council Chambers 915 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Proposed Board Adoption of the 2017 CVFPP Update

The Board will hold the seventh workshop on July 28 from 10:30am to 1:30pm at the downtown Sacramento Public Library location. This workshop will focus on finalizing the draft resolution and documents to be adopted which need to be posted to the public website on August 11. Staff is preparing agendas and material for the upcoming August 11 and 25 workshops as well. Staff continues to meet with DWR staff regarding the schedule for adoption and 2017 CVFPP Update finalization efforts. Staff will provide updates, as needed, to the Board on the progress of the 2017 CVFPP Update's adoption and implementation procedures. During the August 25th Board Meeting, the Board will consider adoption of the 2017 CVFPP Update, the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report and other documents, including the Flood System Status Report and the State Plan of Flood Control Descriptive Document.

After adoption of the 2017 CVFPP Update, staff proposes to develop implementation committees or workgroups that will make recommendations to the Board for CVFPP Implementation and resolution of policy issues that are outlined in the CVFPP Update.