

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting

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Cooperative Land Management in the Sacramento River Watershed and recommendation for future management of SSJDD properties

Overview

The Department of Water Resources is proposing that the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) enter into an agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for cooperative land management for five sites near the Sacramento River associated with the Sacramento River Flood Control Project and the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP), First Phase. The cooperative agreement has been developed in the form of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), in which the Board would grant rights of entry to USFWS for maintenance of four SRBPP, First Phase mitigation project's sites and one borrow site.

The Board has provided the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) assurances for the operations and maintenance of the five sites in accordance with USACE's operations and maintenance manuals. Under the MOA, USFWS would maintain the five sites in accordance with the O&M manuals at no costs to the State.

Management Goal:

The goal of the MOA is to satisfy the USACE'S maintenance requirements consistent with the Board, DWR and USFWS's missions. Approval of the MOA and the resulting maintenance of the five sites are consistent with the goals of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Conservation Strategy by improving floodplain and riverine ecosystems.

Site Specifics:

Pine Creek Unit

57 acres at River Mile 197.5

Shaw Unit

33.72 acres at River Mile 192.9

Sam Slough Unit

72.68 acres at River Mile 191.4

River Unit

33.75 acres at River Mile 191.3

Ord Unit

15.28 acres at River Mile 184.2

Fiscal Impact:

There are no costs associated with the MOA to DWR and or the Board. DWR may occasionally provide equipment and personnel to assist the USFWS with maintenance of the sites.

Summary:

Approval the MOA will facilitate MOA maintenance of the five sites and ensure compliance with the USACE's O&M manuals. Conservation Strategy goals to improve floodplain and riverine ecosystems will be met and there will be no cost to the state except those costs associated with DWR providing assistance with equipment and personnel.

Next Steps:

DWR and USFWS will provide final approval of the MOA and the Board will consider its approval at an upcoming meeting.