

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
January 22, 2016

NOTE: THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER TIMED ITEMS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LISTED TIME, BUT NOT BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED. UNTIMED ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY ORDER. THESE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER, BUT ITEMS WERE NOT NECESSARILY HEARD IN THAT ORDER.

A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on January 22, 2016, beginning at 9:08 a.m. in The Sacramento City Hall First Floor Council Chambers, 915 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Board Members present:

Mr. William H. (Bill) Edgar, President
Ms. Emma Suarez, Vice President
Ms. Jane Dolan, Secretary
Mr. Joe Countryman
Mr. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Mike Villines

Board staff present:

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer
Mr. Eric Butler, Chief, Planning Branch
Ms. Mitra Emami, Chief, Operations Branch
Mr. Michael Wright, Chief, Enforcement Section
Ms. Nancy Moricz, Senior Engineer
Ms. Amber Woertink, Analyst to the Board
Ms. Nicole Rinke, Board Counsel

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Ms. Nekane Hollister, Chief, Flood Project Engineering Assessment Section
Mr. Selva Selvamohan, Staff Engineer, Flood Risk Reduction, Flood Projects Office
Mr. Eric Tsai, Senior Engineer, Central Valley Flood Planning Office
Mr. Wade Wylie, Chief, Flood Project Inspection Section

Also Present:

Mr. Charles Austin, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Mr. Pete Ghelfi, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)
Ms. Rhiannon Kucharski, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH A QUORUM (Water Code § 8560)

Ms. Amber Woertink, Board Analyst, called the roll and a quorum was achieved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2015 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the November 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, stated that the agenda was in order, and that there was no Closed Session today.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Permit No. 19063, California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

Consider approval of Permit No. 19063 to replace the existing Main Flood Canal Bridge (Br. No. 50-0030) with a new 4-span CIP Reinforced Concrete slab bridge accommodating four lanes. The new bridge will have a new bridge designation (Br. No. 50-0523). (Kern County)

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Item as submitted.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

7. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) ITEMS

A. South Sacramento County Streams Project –Update on the design and construction of the South Sacramento County Streams Project to increase the level of flood protection for the urbanized area of South Sacramento County

Mr. Selva Selvamohan, DWR Staff Engineer, provided the update. The purpose of the project is flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration and the total project cost is about \$112 million.

Mr. Selvamohan, along with Ms. Nancy Moricz, Board Senior Engineer, and Mr. Pete Ghelfi, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), provided additional clarifying comments and answered Board Member questions.

B. Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report – Update on the current status and milestones associated with the report.

Mr. Charles Austin, USACE, provided the update. He discussed the authorization, the scope of the project and the schedule. He, Mr. Eric Tsai, DWR Staff Engineer, and Ms. Rhiannon Kucharski, USACE, answered Board Member questions.

8. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) ITEMS

A. Annual DWR Inspection Briefing

Mr. Wade Wylie, DWR Flood Project Inspection Section Chief, provided the briefing. He gave a brief overview of the contents of the report, which provides a detailed review of each Local Maintenance Area (LMA), summary profiles, and a summation of the 2015 inspection results. The report combines the results of many different inspection programs from DWR and USACE. Mr. Wiley also provided a brief overview of some Inspection Branch achievements for 2015.

Ms. Nekane Hollister, DWR Flood Project Engineering Assessment Section Chief, discussed the LMA reporting program activities and results from last year.

9. CLOSED SESSION - *None*

- A. To discuss litigation (Hardesty et. al. v. Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District et. al; United States District Court, Eastern District of California - Sacramento Division Case No. 2:10-cv-02414-GEB-JFM) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).**
- B. To discuss litigation (Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).**
- C. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(1), (e)(2)(B)(i), and (e)(2)(C)(i), the Board will meet in Closed Session to consider potential litigation involving the Board.**

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - *None*

11. BOARD ITEMS

A. Update on the Central Valley Flood Protection Board Financing Plan requested by the Senate Budget Subcommittee

Executive Officer Gallagher remarked that Board staff believe the Financing Plan adequately addresses the Senate’s request. After answering Board Member questions, she

stated the staff recommendation to accept the report and authorize the Executive Officer to forward it to the Legislature.

*Upon **motion** by Board Member Macdonald, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board approved the staff recommendation. The vote was 4-1 (Suarez-No; Ramirez and Villines-Absent).*

B. Update on Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee meetings

There was no comment on the recently received written update. Board Member Macdonald provided comments on the meetings and process of the Committee.

C. Overview of encroachment violations that have been resolved by Enforcement staff by either having the encroachment removed, or having the encroachment brought into compliance and permitted during the 2014 and 2015 calendar years.

Mr. Michael Wright, Board Enforcement Section Chief, provided the overview and answered Board Member questions. He noted that 21 violations were addressed in 2014 and 19 in 2015.

**12. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
(written reports are submitted for Board Member review)**

- A. Update on activities of the Operations Branch (Permits and Enforcement)**
- B. Update on activities of the Projects Branch (Plan Implementation and Flood System Alterations)**
- C. Report of the Department of Water Resources**

The Board had no questions about the submitted documents.

13. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Secretary Dolan commented that she and Board Member Suarez are working with staff to bring forward the update and recommended changes to the Title 23 division as expeditiously as possible.

14. UPCOMING MEETING AGENDA(S) AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD – *No Discussion*

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 11:45 a.m.

Dated: _____

The foregoing Minutes were approved:

Jane Dolan
Secretary

William H. Edgar
President