

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Coordinating Committee Activities

The Coordinating Committee most recently met on July 24. In response to feedback from committee participants, the Steering Committee has been working to ensure that each Coordinating Committee meeting includes information on Conservation Strategies, as well as topics that are specific to regional planning efforts, such as best practices for improving flood protection for small communities. We're still experiencing strong attendance at meetings and it continues to be an effective forum to facilitate two-way, open communication.

The Steering Committee met earlier this week to establish the agenda for the next Coordinating Committee meeting, which is to be held at 9 a.m., Wednesday, August 28 at the City of West Sacramento. The bulk of that meeting will focus on a July 22 letter from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to Secretary Laird and DWR Director Mark Cowin regarding regional and statewide planning. We will be offering the NGOs an opportunity to clarify and expand on the letter and facilitate a discussion on how to better involve the NGOs in regional planning activities.

Regional Planning Activities

Note: All regional planning area websites are linked to the Coordinating Committee website under the Resources tab (www.rfmpcc.com).

Lower Sacramento/Delta North Region

More than 60 stakeholders attended the region's July 29 meeting to review and comment on a draft Problem Definition Report, which covers the first five chapters of the regional flood management plan document. Additional comments are to be accepted until August 16. The "redline" version of the draft report will be posted to the website by August 30. The next committee meetings are planned for September 9, at which methodologies for prioritizing projects will be proposed.

Mid & Upper Sacramento Region

Regional representatives and consultants are meeting with small communities and levee maintaining agencies as part of efforts to develop the first five chapters of the regional plan. A meeting of the steering committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, at the Colusa Community Indian Center.

Feather River Region

A working draft of the regional plan is under review by the consultant team in preparation for public review in the fall. As a part of the review process, the team will be working on proposed strategies for prioritizing projects identified through meetings with and input from stakeholders. The region received some very good input from the State Farm Bureau and is working to incorporate those comments into planning documents. Additionally, region representatives are still working to schedule meetings with

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NGOs to ensure early input in the planning process, and are scheduling presentations to community and business groups to inform them of the planning process and encourage even greater public participation.

Lower San Joaquin/Delta South Region

Consultants have completed the initial round of small group meetings, having met with approximately 300 stakeholders through that process. The resulting information and input is being used to draft the regional setting and existing flood hazard chapters of the regional plan. Additionally, outreach is being conducted to the cities of Lathrop and Manteca to offer support in presenting SB5 and ULOP criteria to city councils and for developing public safety updates to general plans (200-year flood protection).

Mid San Joaquin Region

The presentation and comment packet from the region's first public workshop (July 18) are posted to the region's website, along with the first three completed chapters of the regional plan. The next public workshop is scheduled for September 26 to review and solicit comments on the Emergency Response Planning chapter, and discuss an approach to drafting the Proposed Regional Improvements chapter. A presentation on the RFMP process was given to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on July 2.

Upper San Joaquin Region

A meeting to discuss land use and the environment is scheduled for 10 a.m., August 21. The first two chapters of the regional plan are posted to the region's website, along with a form that allows stakeholders to submit proposed projects.

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