

**Meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board
September 26, 2014**

Staff Report

Activate Advisory Committee

1.0 – REQUESTED ITEM

Activate the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee and approve and file the draft committee charter.

2.0 – AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

Water Code Section 9612(f) authorizes the Board to appoint one or more advisory committees to assist in the preparation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (“Plan”). Board Resolution 2012-25 Resolved 11(d) states, “The Board will designate an advisory committee or other group to develop specific, measurable, achievable, results oriented and time-bound conservation objectives for consideration by the Board for possible inclusion in the adopted CVFPP and the Conservation Strategy.” At its August 22, 2014, meeting several stakeholders requested the Board activate the Resolved 11(d) Advisory Committee to advise the Board on the measurable objectives for conservation being drafted as part of the Conservation Strategy.

3.0 – BACKGROUND

At the August 22, 2014 meeting, the Board heard from stakeholders representing the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, CalTrout, Trout Unlimited, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Audubon Society of California, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Central Valley Flood Control Association, and American Rivers. The stakeholders expressed the desire that the Conservation Strategy and the Plan include metrics for analyzing the Water Code § 9616(a)(9) requirement that the Plan, “Increase and improve the quantity, diversity, and connectivity of riparian, wetland, flood plain, and shaded riverine aquatic habitats, including the agricultural and ecological values of these lands.” The stakeholders requested that the Board activate the Advisory Committee denoted in Resolution 2012-25 Resolved 11(d) to advise the Board on this, and related, items.

The attached draft charter for the Advisory Committee is intended to be the guiding document for the Committee, outline the Committee mission and jurisdiction, institute a timeline for accomplishing its mission, and to ensure an open and transparent drafting process.

4.0 – CEQA ANALYSIS

This action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and thus is not a “project” for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21065; Guidelines § 15378(a)).

5.0 – STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Activate the Advisory Committee per Water Code § 9612(f) and Board Resolution 2012-25 as requested at the August 22, 2014 meeting
- Finalize, adopt and file the draft charter

6.0 – LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

A – Draft Advisory Committee Charter

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Central Valley Flood Protection Board

CHARTER

Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee

1. Official Title. Central Valley Flood Protection Board CVFPP Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee (“Committee”).
2. Authority. The Committee is established pursuant to California Water Code Section 9612(f) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board’s (“Board”) Resolution 2012-25 Resolved 11(d) at the request of stakeholders during the August 22, 2014 Board meeting.
3. Objective and Scope. The objective of the Committee is to advise the Board on the development of long-term, systemwide conservation objectives and covered actions associated with the flood management system for inclusion in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
4. Duties. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and shall extend only to the submission of advice and recommendations to the Board, which shall be non-binding to the Board. No determination of fact or policy will be made by the Committee.
5. Reports. The Committee shall report to the Board at such intervals as determined by the Board’s Executive Officer or at the request of the Executive Committee.
6. Support. The Board staff will support the Committee. The Executive Officer will call all of the Committee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee meetings, adjourn any meeting when determined to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed by the Board.
7. Meetings. The Committee shall have its initial meeting during the month of October, 2014. Thereafter, the Committee shall meet at such intervals as are necessary to carry out its duties.
8. Duration. The Committee shall continue until the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan is presented to the Board for adoption or until such time as the Board determines the Committee has fulfilled its objectives.
9. Membership. The Committee shall consist of two Board Members, as assigned, and as many stakeholder representatives as are willing to participate in the effort. The Board will not formally appoint additional members to the Committee, but will ensure all Committee meetings are publicly noticed and accessible to those stakeholders who wish to participate. Specific assignments may be delegated by the Committee to non-Committee members.

10. Recordkeeping. Records of the Committee will be kept by the Board and available for public inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Govt. C. § 6250, et seq.)

11. Filing Date. The filing date of this Charter is _____.

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