

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT November 20, 2015



PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL BRANCH Status Report and Work Activities

The following summarizes significant milestones on Branch activities since the October 23, 2015 update:

Sacramento River Basin – Flood System Alterations

- **Knights Landing Outfall Gates Fish Screen** – Staff attended groundbreaking ceremonies on October 22, 2015. The ceremony included installation of the last gate and several speakers highlighting the need for and success of the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed by November 30, 2015.
- **Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report (Sac River GRR)**
 - Staff attended two NEPA/CEQA Public Scoping meetings in West Sacramento and Marysville. The Board is the non-federal sponsor for the GRR and the Lead Agency for the CEQA EIR. The meetings were held in an open-house format with overview presentations from USACE and DWR (on behalf of the Board) staff.
- **Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)**
 - North Sacramento Streams (NSS) Project – Staff completed its 65 percent design review and will recommend the Board to formally request USACE District approval pursuant to Title 33 USC Section 408 review to alter the federal flood control project to incorporate the proposed NSS project. This action is scheduled for the November Board meeting.
 - American River Common Features (ARCF), Natomas Basin Design Charrette – Staff attended a one day USACE-sponsored charrette to review lessons learned from SAFCA's completed Natomas Basin project improvements. Challenges, needs, and helpful hints moving forward were discussed and Board staff provided input regarding permitting, utilities, and inter-integrated coordination.
- **Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA)**
 - Yuba Goldfields 100-year Improvement Project – TRLIA has awarded a construction contract and staff will provide construction and inspection support. Construction is scheduled to begin in November.

- **West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA)**
 - Southport Levee Improvement Project – Staff is coordinating with USACE to support project review by South Pacific Division (San Francisco) in advance of final review by USACE DC headquarters.

Sacramento River Basin – Environmental Stewardship Projects

- Eight applications are tentatively scheduled for future Board meetings through January.
- **Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA), Oroville Wildlife Area** – Staff met with SBFCA and USACE to coordinate completion of needed environmental documents. Lead agency CEQA documents and final project designs are anticipated by first quarter 2016.

San Joaquin River Basin – Environmental Stewardship

- Staff attended the monthly Delta Levee Habitat Advisory Committee and is collaborating to resolve levee access issues in support of the Division of Boating and Waterways aquatic weed control program.

San Joaquin River Basin and Delta

- Staff conducted three pre-application meetings as follows:
 1. University of Pacific – Proposed construction of campus facilities adjacent to the State Plan of Flood Control project levee along the Calaveras River in the City of Stockton.
 2. Lower San Joaquin River Levee District – Proposed upgrades to gate operators and electrical systems at project control structures.
 3. Caltrans – Proposed widening of State Route 160 levee road on Brannan Island and the State Plan of Flood Control project levee along the Sacramento River

Other Branch Activities

- **2015 California Water Action Plan Implementation Progress Report** – Staff prepared the Board’s submittal to the California Natural Resources Agency annual report to the Legislature summarizing the year’s achievements toward Plan implementation.
- **Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study (CVIFMS)** – Staff participated in a plan formulation meeting on August 24 and 25, 2015 with the project design team and interested stakeholders and also attended a meeting on October 19, 2015 with USACE District and Division staff to discuss the draft document. Board written support for the release of the public draft is scheduled for the November 20, 2015 Board meeting. The USACE District has scheduled a public meeting on December 2, 2015 in Marysville.

- **AB 162 Compliance** – Staff reviewed and provided comments to the General Plan Safety Element of Solano County and City of Lathrop in compliance with the statutory requirements of Assembly Bill 162.
- **Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS)** – Staff submitted the interim consultation policy adopted by the Board to Delta Stewardship Council (DSC).

Title 23 Update Program - Track 3: Technical and Permitting Process Update

Since the October 8, 2015 Stakeholders Briefing staff have received several comments on the Working Draft of the regulations from several groups or individuals including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Delta Stewardship Council, Department of Water Resources, CalTrans, Board member Macdonald, and Board Enforcement staff; Placer, Sacramento, and San Joaquin Counties, City of Sacramento, River Partners, and several private engineering consultants. Staff is now compiling and addressing all comments to update the Working Draft for legal review by December 4, 2015.

Next Scheduled Milestones:

- 12/4 – Address/incorporate comments, update draft regulations and CEQA IS/ND
- 1/8 – Legal review complete
- 2/12 – Second stakeholder review team meeting
- 3/17 – Complete Admin Draft, initial statement of reasons and final draft CEQA IS/ND
- 3/25 – Board adoption of Admin Draft and CEQA IS/ND
- 3/28 – File CEQA Notice of Determination
- 4/22 - Route OAL Rulemaking Package through CA Natural Resources Agency and Department of Finance
- 4/22 – Submit Draft Regulations to OAL (45-day public review and comment period)
- 6/21 – Address public comments
- 7/8 – OAL approval

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