

**Meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board
April 22, 2016**

BRIEFING SUMMARY

Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee Meeting

1.0 – BACKGROUND

At the August 22, 2014 meeting, the Board heard from stakeholders expressing 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 the Board to activate the Advisory Committee (Committee) denoted in Resolution 2012-25 Resolved 11(d) to advise the Board on measurable objectives from conservation being drafted as part of the Conservation Strategy.

At the September 26, 2014 meeting, the Board activated the Advisory Committee and appointed Board representatives Vice President Emma Suarez and Clyde Macdonald, with President Bill Edgar and Secretary Jane Dolan as alternates. The purpose would be to provide expertise to the Board on how to review the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan update and how the Conservation Strategy and its measurable objectives relate. The Advisory Committee’s final report would serve as a guiding document for the Board as it considers the 2017 Flood Plan. To date, there have been five meetings of the Advisory Committee, November 13, 2015, December 4, 2015, January 6, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 10, 2016 and April 14, 2016.

The purpose of this briefing is to report on the April 14th, 2016 Advisory Committee meeting.

2.0 – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #6

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the
Central Valley Flood Protection Board
3310 El Camino Avenue, Room LL20
Sacramento, CA 95821

Attendees included representatives from flood control associations; environmental related non-governmental agencies; State and Federal permitting agencies; agricultural associations; engineering and environmental experts/consultants.

Advisory Committee participants discussed written summaries of workgroup input resulting from the March 10, 2016 meeting and focused discussions on the following topics: 1) Flood Projects and Prioritization; 2) Permitting for Projects, and Operations and Maintenance (O&M); and 3) Regional Buy-in and Interest Group Buy-in and input for Board consideration.

3.0 – NEXT STEPS

The Advisory Committee will continue to meet monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Room LL20 at the Joint Operations Center at 3310 El Camino Avenue in Sacramento. The meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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