

**Meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board
March 25, 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 and March 10, 2016.

The purpose of this briefing is to report on the March 10th, 2016 Advisory Committee meeting.

2.0 – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #5

The Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the
Central Valley Flood Protection Board
3310 El Camino Avenue, Room 130
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.

The Advisory Committee and attendees were broken into three groups, with each group to provide input on one of the following topics: 1) Flood Projects and Prioritization; 2) Permitting for Projects, and Operations and Maintenance (O&M); 3) Regional Buy-in and Interest Group Buy-in. Each group was to consider their topic in the following format: (1) What does success look like? What do we want? (2) How would we measure success? (3) What elements do we already have to support this? And, (4) What additional elements do we need? Each workgroup convened separately to focus a discussion on their respective topic and reported back to the committee at large.

Meeting participants expressed a need for additional follow up within each workgroup. Written summaries of the focused discussions are planned to be submitted to the Advisory Committee by April 1, 2016. Workgroup summaries will be shared with the Advisory Committee via email and with interested parties. The development of draft recommendations will be further discussed at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

3.0 – NEXT STEPS

The Advisory Committee will continue to meet monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Room LL20. The meetings are tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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