

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

April 22, 2016



Board Administration Update

Ongoing Operations

- Ten Delta Levee Subventions Program Agreements have been signed by EO Gallagher this month, including work at Hotchkiss Tract, Bouldin Island, Van Sickle Island, Webb Tract, Holland tract, Bacon Island, Upper Roberts, Union West Island, Deadhorse Island, and Sargent Barnhart Tract

Recent Developments

- Working group consisting of Gary Lemon, Ray Barsch and USACE continues to work on the issue of waterside permits, and has drafting a white paper, which is under review. As noted previously, pending applicants have been advised by Board staff that their permits remain with the USACE and that the group is working diligently to identify possible solutions, both in the short and long term, for this issue.
- Board and Delta Stewardship Council will be hosting a joint workshop on Delta issues and the Delta Levee Investment Strategy, which the DSC is drafting with input from the Board. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for the August second-Friday Board meeting, August 12.

Board News

- Longtime Office Tech/Staff Services Analyst Mikee Green retired effective March 31. A job announcement for the position will be posted Monday, April 25.
- After a highly competitive process, Senior Environmental Scientist Ruth Darling was selected as the third Senior Environmental Scientist, rounding out the new Environmental Services and Land Management Branch (effective July 2016). Ms. Darling will begin work May 2.
- Senior Environmental Scientist Andrea Buckley will be the temporary Branch Chief for the new Environmental Services and Land Management Branch. Effective April 18, she will be acting out of class for a maximum of 120 days in advance of the job announcement and permanent hiring. All environmental staff will be reporting to Ms. Buckley. Program Manager Natasha Nelson, on loan to the Board through a resource agreement with DWR, will be returning to DWR on April 29.
- Board Staff Relocation: Moving to the new suite continues. Some minor hiccups with furniture has temporarily delayed some staff moves. So far disruption to operations has been minimal.
- The search for a new Chief Engineer concluded with no successful candidates. The position announcement will be re-advertised in early May.

- The official “reorganization plan” continues through the process with an implementation date of July 1.
- Board staff is working closely with DWR Planning Office to integrate into the CVFPP update meeting and outreach schedules. Coordination among the staff has been excellent.

Other Noteworthy Info

- The Senate Budget Subcommittee hearing was held on April 7. EO Gallagher and AO Montgomery were in attendance for the Board. The Board did not submit any requests for increase in baseline funding or additional positions. There were no questions or concerns raised about the Board’s budget at the hearing.
- On April 8, Board President Edgar spoke at the US Army Corps of Engineer’s media event celebrating the completion of the American River levee improvement project, authorized originally by WRDA 96 and 99. Other speakers of note included United States Representatives Doris Matsui and Ami Bera, DWR Deputy Director Bardini and SAFCA Executive Director Johnson.
- Hamilton City Groundbreaking scheduled for May 2 at 9:30 AM. Representatives Garamendi and LaMalfa are scheduled to speak as well as Secretary Dolan to speak on behalf of the Board.
- On May 4 at 10 AM, the Natural Resources Agency will host a signing ceremony of an historic MOU between 15 State, federal and local agencies agreeing to cooperate on projects and permitting in the Yolo Bypass. The Agreement contains no particular obligations, but represents an important partnership that has been forged through long hours of hard work and frank discussions between disparate parties. President Edgar will be signing the agreement on behalf of the Board. Any Board Member wishing to attend, please contact EO Gallagher for particulars.
- The official change of command ceremony for the Sacramento District will take place on May 11. Any Board Member wishing to attend, please contact EO Gallagher.