

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
August 26, 2016

NOTE: THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER TIMED ITEMS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LISTED TIME, BUT NOT BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED. UNTIMED ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY ORDER. THESE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER, BUT ITEMS WERE NOT NECESSARILY HEARD IN THAT ORDER.

A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on August 26, 2016, beginning at 9:03 a.m. in The Sacramento City Hall First Floor Council Chambers, 915 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Board Members present:

Mr. William H. (Bill) Edgar, President
Ms. Emma Suarez, Vice President
Ms. Jane Dolan, Secretary
Mr. Joe Countryman
Mr. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Tim Ramirez
Mr. Mike Villines

Board staff present:

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer
Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst
Ms. Andrea Buckley, Acting Chief, Environmental Services Branch
Mr. Eric Butler, Chief, Planning Branch
Ms. Ruth Darling, Senior Environmental Scientist
Ms. Mitra Emami, Acting Chief Engineer
Mr. Kanwarjit Dua, General Counsel

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Ms. Shelly Amrhein, Senior Environmental Scientist, Division of Flood Management (DFM), Environmental Resources Branch, Flood Projects Office
Mr. Jeremy Arrich, Manager, DFM Flood System Implementation Branch
Ms. Pat Clark, Associate Government Program Analyst, State-Federal Flood Operations Center, DFM Flood Operations Branch
Mr. Robert Crane, Chief, Local Assistance Programs, DFM Flood Projects Office
Ms. Mary Jimenez, Flood Planning Branch Chief, DFM Flood Planning Office
Mr. Mark List, Chief, DFM Maintenance Support Branch

Ms. Sandy Maxwell, Chief, DFM Delta Levees Subventions Program, Delta Levees Branch
Mr. Ran Singh, Acting Chief, DFM Flood System Sustainability Branch
Mr. Christopher Williams, Senior Engineer, DFM Central Valley Flood Planning Office

Also Present:

Ms. Paige Caldwell, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Mr. Chris Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck
Mr. Barry O'Regan, Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck
Ms. Melinda Terry, Central Valley Flood Control Association (CVFCA)

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bill Edgar, Board President, welcomed the participants.

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, announced that Ms. Nancy Moricz, Board Senior Engineer, will be leaving the Board and joining the firm MBK Engineers. The Board thanked her for her service on staff and wished her well.

Ms. Gallagher also introduced Ms. Blanca Gomez, the Board's new Budget Analyst.

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH A QUORUM (Water Code § 8560)

Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst, called the roll, all members present and a quorum was achieved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 24, 2016 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the June 24 Board Meeting Minutes.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Executive Officer Gallagher remarked that there will be a Closed Session today on Item 9B. Also, under Item 5B, the USACE letter has been received and no further changes were needed to the draft permit.

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Permit No. 18959, Sacramento County Department of Transportation

Consider approval of Permit No. 18959 to replace the existing Elk Grove-Florin Road Bridge over Elder Creek and the approach roadway. (Sacramento County)

B. Permit No. 19069, Sacramento County Regional Parks

Consider approval of Permit No. 19069 to authorize a set of partially installed pipe gate across the levee crown at the entrance to Tiscornia Beach on the left bank of the American River immediately upstream of the confluence with the Sacramento River. (Sacramento County)

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Secretary Dolan, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Melinda Terry, Central Valley Flood Control Association Executive Director, spoke to the Board in support of joint meetings and coordination for a more thorough discussion with the Delta Stewardship Council regarding the revision of several provisions of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy, particularly as relating to the Board's jurisdictional authority in the Delta.

7. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) ITEMS

A. Update on Three Amigos project

Update on the Three Amigos Non-Structural Alternative real estate transactions.

Ms. Paige Caldwell, USACE Emergency Manager for the Sacramento District, updated the Board on the progress of implementation and answered Board Member questions.

8. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) ITEMS

A. Monthly Report of the Department of Water Resources

Mr. Jeremy Arrich, DWR Flood System Implementation Manager, introduced the items and DWR staff to speak on sections of the informational report.

Focus Areas:

1. Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project NOI/NOP

Ms. Shelly Amrhein, DWR Environmental Scientist, updated the Board on the current project schedule. Mr. Arrich added additional details.

2. Small Communities Program Update

Mr. Robert Crane, DWR Local Assistance Branch Chief, newly assigned to this program, updated the Board. He and Mr. Barry O'Regan, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck, answered Board Member questions.

B. Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program

1. Adoption of Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program 2016 Guidelines

2. Consider approval of the Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Funding Plan for FY 2016-17.

Ms. Sandy Maxwell, DWR Senior Engineer, described the 2016 guidelines update process and concluded by requesting that the Board adopt the 2016 Subvention Guidelines. She also asked that the Board approve the Program Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and answered Board Member questions.

Mr. Chris Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck, remarked that his company represents over two dozen reclamation districts and, as they have indicated in the past, they endorse this program fully.

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Board Member Ramirez, the Board unanimously adopted the guidelines and unanimously approved the funding. The Board also gave special thanks to Board Members Countryman and Macdonald for their participation and advice during this process.

C. Preview of 2016 Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings

Briefing on the preseason flood coordination meetings held throughout the State in September and October, where flood emergency response partners at the local, State and federal level discuss flood preparedness in each region and provide updates on annual preparedness activities. Preview will cover meeting locations and agenda topics.

Ms. Pat Clark, DWR Associate Government Program Analyst, gave the briefing.

D. Deferred Maintenance Projects

State will invest \$100 million to address deferred maintenance, including repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of flood control facilities at Department of Water Resources maintenance yards. The project will address

levee penetrations and rodent damage on State Plan of Flood Control levees.

Mr. Mark List, DWR Maintenance Support Branch Chief, discussed various elements of the maintenance projects with the Board, and especially how DWR will interact with local maintaining agencies to expedite the processes involved.

E. Informational briefing on Flood System Repair Project (FSRP)

Through FSRP, DWR cost-shares with Local Maintaining Agencies to reduce flood risks in non-urban areas for repairing documented critical problems within the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities.

Mr. Ran Singh, DWR Flood System Sustainability Branch Acting Chief, provided the briefing and answered Board Member questions.

F. 2017 Update to the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan: State System-wide Investment Approach (SSIA) Refinements

Refinements to physical and operational elements in the SSIA will be discussed.

Ms. Mary Jimenez, DWR Supervising Engineer, provided the update. Mr. Christopher Williams, DWR Senior Engineer, discussed the elements of the proposed investment strategy and financial plan. Both also answered Board Member questions.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- A. To discuss litigation (Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).**
- B. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(1), (e)(2)(B)(i), and (e)(2)(C)(i), the Board will meet in Closed Session to consider potential litigation involving the Board.**

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

President Edgar stated that there are no reportable actions.

11. BOARD ITEMS

- A. Board staff 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update Review and Adoption Planning Progress**

Board staff will provide information on recent 2017 CVFPP Update and Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) coordination, review, integration, public outreach and schedule.

Ms. Ruth Darling, Board Senior Environmental Scientist, provided the information and answered Board Member questions.

B. Update on Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee meetings

Board staff will provide an update on the status of the final report that will serve as the Board's guidance document for the Conservation Strategy as it considers the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan update.

Ms. Andrea Buckley, Board Acting Environmental Branch Chief, and Board Member Macdonald updated the Board on the work of the Committee.

**12. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
(Documents Submitted for Board Member Review)**

- A. Update on Board Administration**
- B. Update on the activities of the Operations Branch**
- C. Update on the activities of the Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch**
- D. Update on the activities of the Environmental Services and Land Management Branch**

(There were no questions on the report or on the updates.)

13. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES - *None*

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD

- A. Flood Preparedness Week events (September meeting)**

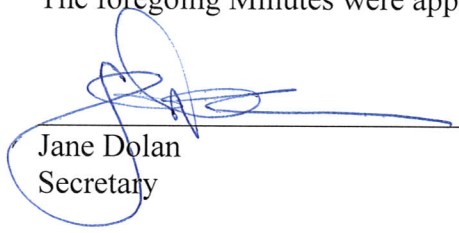
Executive Officer Gallagher and the Board briefly discussed potential agenda items.

15. ADJOURNMENT

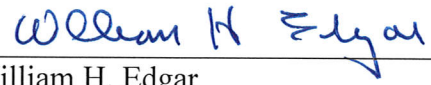
The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 1:45 p.m.

Dated: _____

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President