



CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

Executive Officer Report December 15, 2017

Board Administration

Ongoing Operations

- Six Delta Subvention Program Agreements were signed, including Glanville Tract, Upper Jones Tract, Weber Tract, Mandeville Tract, McCormick Williamson Tract and Atlas Tract.
- One Local Cooperation Agreements were signed for Reclamation District 784, Levee Penetration # 18597 for erosion repairs due to January and February high water events.
- EO Gallagher and Acting Chief, Mary Jimenez attended the monthly oversight management group aligning USACE/DWR/CVFPB and local agencies SAFCA and WSAFCA on levee improvement projects authorized in recent Water Resources Development Acts.
- EO Gallagher, Counsel Dua and Acting Chief Engineer Jimenez meet weekly with DFM Acting Division Chief Ericson and the DFM office chiefs. The goal is better communication and collaboration between the Division of Flood Management and the Board.

Recent Developments

- On November 21, Board President Edgar, Counsel Dua and Acting Chief Engineer Jimenez joined members of the San Francisco Division of the USACE to attend the promotion ceremony for Colonel Pete Helmlinger to the rank of Brigadier General.

- From Sunday December 3 through Wednesday December 6, 2017, EO Gallagher was in Washington D.C., attending the National Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Management Agencies Board of Directors meeting and partnership meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters.
- On Monday, the Directors met with James Dalton and key members of his staff on matters of mutual interest including 408 permits, levee safety criteria, PL84-99 criteria, and WRDA 2018, as well as discussions about other items such as the federal infrastructure bill which is scheduled to be released in early 2018.
- On Tuesday, the leadership group were briefed by Michael Patrella and Alex Herrgott of the Whitehouse Council on Environmental Quality, the lead agency working on the infrastructure bill. They were not able to provide specifics on the bill, but did advise that the focus will be on risk based and performance based grants and that a draft of the bill or list of principles will be available early next year.
- Mike Shapiro of US Environmental Protection Agency advised he is retiring at the end of the year after 37 years at EPA, the past 17 in the office of Water.
- Roy Wright of the National Flood Insurance Program at FEMA advised that 2017 is the 2nd highest loss year since Katrina in 2005, with the cost of losses from Hurricane Harvey along topping \$10 billion. Priorities for the agency in 2018 will be communicating risk and closing the insurance gap.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday EO Gallagher also visited the offices of Senator Harris, Representatives Matsui and Garamendi as well as the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff to advise on the good work the State is doing in the Central Valley and the adoption of the CVFPP.
- On December 13, Board President Edgar, Board Member Macdonald and EO Gallagher attended the quarterly meeting of the Central Valley Flood Control Association to give an update to the group on the implementation of the 2017 CVFPP. The local agencies were very engaged, asked great questions and asked the Board to return to future meetings in 2018, which are scheduled for: March 21, June 20, September 19, December 19.
- The first meeting of the Advisory Committee post 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) adoption was held on December 13, at 2:00 at the Joint Operations Center. Topics included methods to improve permitting efficiencies, multi-benefit operations and maintenance of current State Plan of Flood Control channel and bypasses, and the development of processes to track ecosystem and flood benefits and progress relative to the 2017 CVFPP goals. The next meeting will be on January 24, 2018.

Board News

- Plan Update news and related content is currently up and active on the Board's website.
- The Board staff hosted the annual holiday lunch at the Sacramento Railroad Museum on December 1. Thanks to Retired Annuitant Lorraine Pendlebury for organizing a great lunch and fun activities with tour of the Railroad Museum. Thanks to Board Members Villines, Ramirez, Macdonald and President Edgar for attending. Staff hopes you enjoyed the afternoon.