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Draft Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update Released

Public comment period runs through March 31, 2017

SACRAMENTO -- The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) has released a [draft update to the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan](#) (Plan) for public review. The public is invited to submit comments on the update, as well as an accompanying [draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report](#) (SPEIR), through March 31, 2017.

Consistent with Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s [California Water Action Plan](#), the update emphasizes the need for long-term multi-benefit projects rather than single-purpose flood management projects. For example, both the Plan and draft update include strategies to integrate and improve ecosystem functions with flood risk reduction projects.

Legislation in 2008 required the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to prepare the flood protection plan. Approved by the CVFPB in 2012, the document is a blueprint to improve flood risk management in the Central Valley where approximately one million people live and work, and where more than \$70 billion worth of vital infrastructure, commercial buildings and prime agriculture land is located.

The 2008 legislation also requires DWR to update the plan in 2017 and each subsequent five years to incorporate new information about flood management needs, advancements in the best available science, and new policy considerations.

The draft update lists the State's investment in flood management activities since 2012. California has invested approximately \$20 million in regional flood management planning, floodplain risk management, flood risk reduction projects, operations and maintenance, and emergency response programs. The draft update also presents a strategy for prioritizing the State's proposed \$21 billion

investment in flood management over the next 30 years, along with itemized costs of these investments.

Hard copies of the draft update and draft SPEIR are available for review during normal business hours at eight locations across the Central Valley. Locations and addresses are listed on the [CVFPB website](#).

Comments on the draft update or draft SPEIR may be submitted by:

- Postal mail or email to the addresses listed on the [CVFPB website](#).
- In person, during one of [five public outreach hearings](#) scheduled across the Central Valley during February and March 2017.

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