



# CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

September 22, 2017

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### Board Administration (July – September)

#### Ongoing Operations

- Twenty one Delta Subvention Program Agreements were signed, including Tyler Island, Venice Island, Boggs Tract, Terminous Tract, Netherlands, Rindge Tract, Medford Island, Veale Tract, Yolano, Cache Haus Area, Fay Island, Sutter Island, Atlas Tract, Hastings Tract, Hotchkiss Tract, Van Sickle Island, Linclon Village West, Victoria Island, Tyler Island, Collinsville Levee District, and Quimby Island.
- Two Local Cooperation Agreements were signed for RD 1001 and RD 2098 for erosion repairs due to January and February high water events.
- EO Gallagher (with assistance from Chief Counsel Dua during the month of August) 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 attended the CVFPP Investment Strategy meeting with President Edgar and Board Member Clyde MacDonald in July and early August. The group has not met since the Plan Update was adopted.
- 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

- Flood Preparedness Week is October 23 – 27! Stay tuned for more information on events and activities.
- Board President Edgar, Secretary Dolan, EO Gallagher, Environmental Services Branch Chief Buckley and (former) Board Engineer Alison Tang attended the Floodplain Management Annual Conference in Long Beach September 6-8.

President Edgar led discussions on the Flood Plan Update, a continuing discussion some of the most ambitious flood projects in the Central Valley, and the statewide planning efforts which will be drawing on the successes of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update. Secretary Dolan drew on her years of experience in local government to participate in a well-attended panel discussion on O&M efficiencies through programmatic permitting. Andrea Buckley showcased her in depth knowledge of the Southport Levee Setback Project in a panel discussing this multi-benefit project now underway. Alison Tang's extensive knowledge of the SWIF process helped attendees understand the benefits of working through the process to maintain eligibility in the federal PL84-99 program.

- Also at FMA, the USACE held a California Silver Jackets team meeting, which was attended by EO Gallagher, President Edgar and Secretary Dolan. Acting Chief Engineer Mary Jimenez will remain the State lead for Silver Jackets and brings her experience and knowledge to the Board during her interim assignment. The Board will receive a briefing about this meeting and program at the September 22, 2017 Board meeting.
- The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan 2017 Update was honored with the 2017 Award for Excellence, which was presented on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. The FMA Award for Excellence seeks to find and recognize outstanding floodplain management projects, programs and/or activities. Eligible entries include local, State and national government programs as well as private consulting engineering firms. Winners epitomize the best in floodplain management. On hand to accept the Award were Michael Mierzwa, Flood Planning Office Chief at DWR, Board President Edgar, Board Secretary Dolan and Board Executive Officer Leslie Gallagher.
- On September 12, EO Gallagher and Board member Countryman participated in the first of a series of executive leadership meetings at the U.S. Army Corps offices to discuss the Folsom Dam Raise project. The Board will receive a briefing on this project at a later meeting.
- The Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

## **Board News**

- Plan Update news and related content is currently up and active on the Board's website.