The Central Valley Flood Protection Board invites you to attend one of its upcoming Public Hearings on the Draft 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update.

The Board, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), is hosting five Public Hearings throughout the Central Valley to present the draft 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update, as well as its accompanying draft Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The official comment period for both the draft 2017 CVFPP Update and the Supplemental Program EIR extends until March 31, 2017. The Public Hearings provide an opportunity to learn about these documents and to provide written or verbal comments. Comments will also be received by email or US Mail at the addresses listed below.

Legislation in 2008 directed DWR to prepare the CVFPP, which was approved and adopted by the Board in 2012. The 2008 legislation also required DWR to update the CVFPP 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 2017 CVFPP is a strategic blueprint to improve flood risk management in the Central Valley, where approximately one million people live and work. The draft 2017 CVFPP 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 2017 CVFPP 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. In addition, it emphasizes the need for long-term multi-benefit projects rather than single-purpose flood management projects and includes strategies to integrate and improve ecosystem functions with flood risk reduction projects.

The Board and DWR encourage your attendance and look forward to receiving your comments. A Poster Session will be held one hour before the start of each Public Hearing. Come and learn about the projects that have helped to increase flood protection in your area!

The venues and schedule for the five Public Hearings are as follows:

February 9, 2017, 6 to 8 p.m. – Marysville

Yuba County Government Center, BOS Chambers

915 8th Street, Marysville, CA 95901

February 16, 2017, 6 to 8 p.m. – Merced Merced Civic Center (Sam Pipes Room) 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

February 24, 2017, 10 a.m. to Noon. - Sacramento

Sacramento City Hall, City Council Chambers

915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

*Regular Business meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

*Meeting to be webcast

March 9, 2017, 6 to 8 p.m. – Woodland

Woodland Community & Senior Center

2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776

March 17, 2017, 10 a.m. to Noon. – Stockton

Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center

2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Suite 100, Stockton, CA 95206

Comments can be submitted via mail or email as well:

California Department of Water Resources

Flood Planning Office

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Sacramento, CA 95821

Draft 2017 CVFRPP Update comments: CVFPP 2017 Comments@water.ca.gov

Draft Supplemental Program EIR comments: SPEIR 2017 Comments@water.ca.gov

More information and supporting documents are available on the Board's website at: http://cvfpb.ca.gov/cvfpp/