

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
January 27, 2017

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A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on January 27, 2017, 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. Jane Dolan, Secretary
Mr. Joe Countryman
Mr. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Tim Ramirez

Board Members absent:

Ms. Emma Suarez, Vice President
Mr. Mike Villines

Board staff present:

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer
Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst
Mr. Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, General Counsel
Ms. Mitra Emami, Supervising Engineer
Mr. Michael Wright, Chief, Enforcement Section
Ms. Amber Woertink, Program Analyst
Ms. Itzia Rivera, Senior Environmental Scientist

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Eric Koch, Division Chief, Division of Flood Management (DFM)
Mr. Boone Lek, DFM, Hydrology and Flood Operations
Mr. Don Rasmussen, DFM, Chief, Flood Project Integrity and Inspections Branch
Mr. Wade Wylie, Inspection Section Chief, DFM, Flood Project Integrity and Inspections Branch

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present (continued):

Ms. Nekani Hollister, DFM, Flood Project Integrity and Inspections Branch
Mr. Darren Suen, DFM, FloodSAFE Communications Lead
Mary Jimenez, DFM, Chief, Central Valley Flood Planning Office (CVFP)
Mr. Greg Farley, DFM, CVFP
Ms. Michele Ng, DFM, Senior Engineer, Plan Alignment and Compliance Section, CVFP
Ms. Wendy Wang, Engineer, DFM, CVFP
Ms. Yolanda Pulido, Engineering Intern, DFM, CVFP
Mr. Tony Deus, Engineer, DFM, CVFP
Mr. Scott Kranhold
Mr. Cory Schiestel, Engineer
Mr. David Bolen, Project Manager

Also Present:

Mr. David Beauchamp, HDR
Mr. Jon Moore, Cal OES
Mr. Dustin Jones, DSC
Mr. Steve Yaeger, Consultant

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, congratulated Mr. Eric Koch upon his appointment of Chief, DWR Division of Flood Management.

Executive Officer Gallagher also introduced Ms. Itzia Rivera, a new Board Senior Environmental Scientist. Ms. Rivera takes over the position recently vacated by Ms. Andrea Buckley, who was elevated to Branch Chief.

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 28, 2016 and November 18, 2016 Board Meetings

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the October 28, 2016 and November 18, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Executive Officer Gallagher stated that there will be no Closed Session today.

5. CONSENT ITEMS (Action Items)

A. Permit No. 19138 Department of Water Resources, Morrison Creek, Sacramento County

Upon motion by Board Member Macdonald, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

7. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) ITEMS (Information)

A. Monthly Report of the Department of Water Resources

DWR Project Updates and Recent Events

Mr. Eric Koch, newly-announced DWR Division of Flood Management Division Chief, gave the report and answered Board Member questions.

He discussed recent flood and high water events, what the events mean to the overall system, and where the state is now in terms of hydrology.

The Draft 2017 Update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) and Draft Supplemental Environmental documents were transmitted to the Board on December 30, 2016.

The Draft EIR on the Environmental Permit for Operation and Maintenance (EPOM) was released for public comment on January 18th. The public review period lasts 45 days and ends on March 3, 2017. EPOM is an environmental compliance and permitting effort that DWR's flood maintenance office is undertaking to obtain new State permits to continue our mandated maintenance responsibilities on the Sacramento Flood Control Project, specifically for DWR's O&M activities, per Water Codes 8361 and 12878. DWR's current permit, which is a California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, expires in January of 2018. A public meeting will be held February 22nd to solicit comments on the Draft EIR. More information about EPOM is on the DWR website.

DWR issued a flood alert on January 5th and, in response, the State-Federal Flood Operations Center was activated on Saturday, January 7th at 6:00 a.m. It remained active until January 14th at 6:00 a.m.

As a result of the high water events in the Central Valley and the concurrent and subsequent storms in Southern California and coastal areas, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency in 50 of the 58 counties in California. There have been several requests for technical and flood fight assistance; gates of the Sacramento Weir were opened for the first time since January 2006; flows over the Fremont, Colusa and Moulton Weirs. Board members asked questions and made comments regarding the San Joaquin Valley reservoirs and operation for flood space from snow melt.

Mr. Jon Moore, California Office of Emergency Services Assistant Director for Recovery, discussed some of the implications of the Governors' proclamation.

A primary intent of the proclamation is to allow Caltrans to formally request assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program to repair the extensive road and highway damage from flooding.

In addition, the proclamation made assistance available through the California Disaster Assistance Act based on damage assessments received.

Finally, the proclamation orders state agencies to assist with activities related to recovery and response to the January storms.

Mr. Boone Lek, DWR Hydrology and Flood Operations Office, updated the Board on changes in water levels and the snowpack as a result of the January events.

B. 2017 Update to the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP)

Overview of the Draft 2017 CVFPP Update

Ms. Mary Jimenez, DWR Flood Planning Branch Chief, discussed the draft update and presented a Power Point. The draft 2017 update was publicly released at the end of December. Ms. Jimenez highlighted the contents of the Plan, a comparison to the Plan adopted in 2012, and discussed how the two documents are really meant to go together.

Board Members commented on the 2017 update and Ms. Jimenez answered their questions.

C. Annual DWR Inspection Briefing

Mr. Wade Wylie, Section Chief with DW's Flood Project Integrity and Inspections Branch, provided the briefing and answered Board Member questions. The briefing included the 2016 Local Maintenance Agency (LMA) Report, LMA summary profiles, and the US Army Corps of Engineers inspection ratings. He also reported 2016 branch achievements and the continuing outreach efforts to the various LMA's.

Ms. Nekani Hollister, DWR Flood Project Inspection Section, discussed the LMA Reporting program overall, including background, program activities and results, observed trends, and future plans.

8. CLOSED SESSION (*None*)

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (*None*)

10. BOARD ITEMS

A. Information Regarding the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update

Information on the recent release of the 2017 CVFPP Update and the Supplemental Program EIR, as well as updates on the public review process, public hearings, and overall schedule

Ms. Ruth Darling, CVFPB Senior Environmental Scientist, presented Board staff's recent activities as they relate to the CVFPP and Supplemental Program EIR, in addition to the upcoming Public Hearings schedule of the Plan.

She encouraged the public to view the revised Flood Board website, which has all documents related to the Plan and the 2017 update, including the recently added Flood System Long-Term Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation and Replacement (OMRRR) Cost Evaluation Technical Memorandum.

The Investment Strategy Technical Memorandum is expected to be released the end of February and it will be added to the website at that time. Information on how public comments may be submitted is also on the website.

**11. 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 the updates.)

12. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Member Macdonald attended the two Delta Stewardship Council meetings on the Delta Levee Investment Strategy, and he also chaired the Coordinating Committee.

Secretary Dolan commented that the Executive Committee continues its work on making the planned hearings and subsequent Board deliberation process as organized as possible, and in meeting all appropriate deadlines.

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD

- A. February 9, 2017 CVFPP Board Hearing, Marysville, CA
- B. February 16, 2017 CVFPP Board Hearing, Merced, CA
- C. February 24, 2017 CVFPP Board Meeting, Sacramento, CA

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 12:08 p.m.

Dated: _____

The foregoing Minutes were approved:

Jane Dolan
Secretary

William H. Edgar
President