

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
May 19, 2017

NOTE: THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER TIMED ITEMS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LISTED TIME, BUT NOT BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED. UNTIMED ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY ORDER. THESE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER, BUT ITEMS WERE NOT NECESSARILY HEARD IN THAT ORDER.

A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on May 19, 2017, beginning at 1:08 p.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. Emma Suarez, Vice President
Ms. Jane Dolan, Secretary
Mr. Joe Countryman
Mr. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Tim Ramirez
Mr. Mike Villines

Board staff present:

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer
Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst
Ms. Andrea Buckley, Chief, Environmental Services and Land Management Branch
Mr. Kanwarjit Dua, General Counsel
Ms. Mitra Emami, Acting Chief Engineer
Mr. Gary Lemon, Acting Chief, Operations Branch
Mr. Michael Wright, Chief, Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Stacy Cepello, Chief, Floodway Ecosystem Sustainability Branch
Mr. Wilbur Huang, Senior Engineer
Mr. Eric Koch, Chief, Division of Flood Management
Mr. Mike Mierzwa, Chief, Flood Planning Office
Mr. Dave Wheeldon, Chief, Flood System Sustainability Branch

Also Present:

Ms. Theresa Beckham, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Paul Brunner, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority
Ms. Paige Caldwell, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Dr. Diana Jacobs, Sacramento River Preservation Trust
Mr. Rick Johnson, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Mr. Ryan Larson, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Ric Reinhardt, MBK Engineers
Mr. Heyo Tjarks, River Partners

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bill Edgar, Board President, welcomed the participants. He noted that the Board held a Closed Session (Item 11) just prior to this meeting and that there were no reportable items (Item 12).

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 – March 24, 2017 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the March 24, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, reported that, other than the Closed Session Items referenced (above, Item 1), there were no changes to the day's agenda.

5. BOARD RESOLUTION PRESENTATION

A. The Board will present a resolution of appreciation to Stacy Cepello, Chief, Division of Flood Management, Floodway Ecosystem Sustainability Office, Department of Water Resources, on his retirement from State Service.

Board Member Tim Ramirez read the resolution. He and other Board Members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Cepello's long and distinguished service to the State.

Dr. Diana Jacobs, Sacramento River Preservation Trust, shared a story about her and Mr. Cepello.

Mr. Cepello expressed his thanks and gratitude.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Permit No. 19075: Ronald Jones

Consider approval of Permit No. 19075 to authorize an existing 1,740 square-foot dwelling within the Butte Basin and to construct a 615 square-foot addition to the dwelling. (Butte County)

B. Permit No. 19111: City of Yuba City

Consider approval of Permit No. 19111 to remove the existing 5th Street Bridge over Feather River, between Yuba City and Marysville, and replace it with a four-lane bridge with a ten-foot wide Class 1 multiuse path. (Yuba County)

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Secretary Dolan, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 6A and 6B.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Heyo Tjarks, River Partners, provided a update on the pending Permit Number 19083, the Dos Rios Floodplain Expansion and Ecosystem Restoration Project. He requested that the permit for this project come be placed on a Board agenda in the very near future for a conditional permit, pending USACE 408 approval.

President Edgar stated that because this was an item not on the agenda today, no discussion can be held and he asked the Executive Officer to look at the request and see what can be done.

8. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ITEMS (USACE) (Action Item)

A. USACE American River Watershed, Folsom Dam Raise Project

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2017-5 to approve the Design Agreement between the Board, USACE and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), and also simultaneously approve the Local Design Agreement between the Board and SAFCA for the American River Watershed – Folsom Dam Raise Project.

Mr. Wilbur Huang, DWR Senior Engineer, gave the presentation. He and Ms. Theresa Beckham, Folsom Dam Raise Project Manager; Mr. Rick Johnson, SAFCA; and Mr. Mike Mierzwa, DWR Flood Planning Office Chief, answered Board Member questions.

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2017-5.

9. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ITEMS (Information)

A. Monthly Report of the Department of Water Resources (DWR)

DWR Project Updates and Recent Events

Mr. Eric Koch, DWR Division of Flood Management (DFM) Chief, provides a written report, gave some highlights and answered Board Member questions. He stated that, although a lot of snow is currently moving through the system, everything is holding up well thus far. DWR continues to monitor the impacts of the flooding, especially at a couple of locations in the San Joaquin Delta. There are a number of measures in place in terms of being ready to do flood fighting, both from an actual materials standpoint and through stand-by contracts. The situation will continue to be tracked and reported on weekly.

The spillway gates at the Oroville Dam are now being closed and it is anticipated that they will remain closed throughout the rest of the season so that DWR can proceed with construction repair operations.

B. Status update on the State and Federal PL 84-99 Emergency Rehabilitation Process –Sacramento River System

DWR will provide a briefing on the progress of PL 84-99 rehabilitation assistance by DWR, the Board, and USACE. This briefing will cover program information, current status, and future work related to the implementation of these repairs to the Sacramento River System. Additionally, an update on the schedule of the San Joaquin and Delta River systems PL 84-99 approach will be provided.

Mr. Gary Lemon, DWR Operations Branch Acting Chief, provided the briefing. Mr. Lemon, along with Mr. Ric Reinhardt, MBK Engineers; Ms. Paige Caldwell, USACE; and DWR DFM Chief Koch provided additional information and answered Board Member questions.

10. INFORMATION BRIEFING

A. Three Rivers Levee Improvements Authority (TRLIA), Yuba Goldfields Levee Project

Informational briefing on TRLIA's proposed 200-year levee extension project for the south (left) bank levee of the Yuba River. The proposed project will be approximately 3.6 miles long and will extend the existing Project Levee to natural high grounds east of the Yuba Goldfields.

Mr. Paul Brunner, TRLIA Executive Director, provided the informational briefing in advance of this being placed on a future agenda for action. He and Mr. Ric Reinhardt, MBK Engineers, answered Board Member questions.

11. CLOSED SESSION (*held prior to today's meeting*)

- A. To discuss litigation (Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel).**
- B. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 11126, Subdivisions (e)(1), (e)(2)(B)(i), and (e)(2)(C)(i), the Board will meet in Closed Session to consider potential litigation involving the Board (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel).**

12. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (Action)

President Edgar stated that there were no reportable items.

13. BOARD ITEMS

Executive Officer Gallagher submitted on the written documents (there was no additional discussion).

**14. 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.)

15. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES - *None*

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD

- Workshop, June 2, 2017 (Sacramento)

- Workshop June 9, 2017 (Sacramento)
- Board Meeting, June 23, 2017 (Sacramento)
- Board Meeting and Workshop, July 28, 2017 (West Sacramento)

The Board briefly discussed elements of the upcoming workshops.

17. ADJOURNMENT

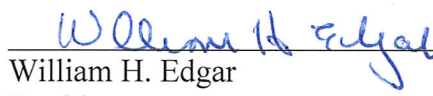
The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 3:25 p.m.

Dated: May 19, 2017

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President