



CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

Executive Officer

Board Administration Report March 23, 2018

Ongoing Operations

- February 28, 2018 Board President Edgar, Board Secretary Dolan, Board Member Macdonald, EO Gallagher and Chief Engineer Shaw attended the Coordinating Committee in West Sacramento. Topics included a US Army Corps Sacramento District presentation on the expectations for OMRRR of the existing SPFC. Federal law, regulation and policy place responsibility for OMRRR on the “superintendent” of the system. The group also heard presentations from DWR’s Flood Maintenance Office on the responsibilities of the State Maintained Areas and State Maintenance Areas, a history of Reclamation Districts, etc., by Scott Shapiro, and a presentation by LD1 on their current challenges associated with the Proposition 218 election they expect to conduct for operations and maintenance. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, which will again be after the Board meeting.
- EO Gallagher attended the Oversight Management Group meeting on March 1, 2018 aligning USACE/DWR/CVFPB and local agencies. Substantial discussion is ongoing about how to align the priorities and funding challenges for State, federal and local interests for flood projects.
- On March 2, 2018, Board Member Macdonald and EO Gallagher attended the CVFPP Implementation Strategy Meeting. DWR Flood Planning Office provided an update on the CVFPP Implementation work group, which will be provided to the Board at the Board’s regular business meeting on March 23.
- On March 9, 2018 the Department of Water Resources Flood Management Office gave a briefing to Board staff on the status of the Levee Tree Assessment Program (LTA), which is a process to identify trees in the field that pose an unacceptable threat to levee integrity. The LTA is O&M implementation guidance for the provision of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) that states DWR will “allow the existing large trees and woody vegetation to live out their normal life cycle unless they pose an unacceptable threat to levee integrity”. DWR staff is currently completing the final LTA report for Maintenance Area 4 and staffing and budget is in place for the first sweep of other DWR-maintained levees. DWR plans on presenting at future Board

Meeting and preparing for a presentation at the 2018 Floodplain Managers Association Conference.

- Also on March 9th the DWR Geodetic Branch gave a briefing to Board staff on the PRISM GIS database currently in production. Once all the historical land data is entered, this GIS database will give Board staff the ability to review the Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) parcel information (fee/easement, acreage, parcel number, active lease data, deeds, etc.). It is expected to be completed in July 2018, contingent on funding. The Geodetic Branch will continue to QA/QC and maintain the database on behalf of the SSJDD and will give a presentation to the Board on its capabilities at a future Board Meeting.
- On March 14, 2018, EO Gallagher and AO Montgomery attended the Assembly Budget Sub-Committee Hearing, to present the Board's budget change request in the 2018-19 State budget. No votes were taken that day. EO Gallagher, along with the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office presented the budget request and responded to questions. The matter was held open to a future date. Note: On March 21, the Sub-Committee approved the Board's budget on the consent calendar.
- On March 15, 2018, EO Gallagher and AO Montgomery returned to the Capitol, this time for the Senate Budget Sub-Committee Hearing. After presentation and questions, the Board's budget was approved 3-1.
- March 19 and 21, 2018, the Non-Federal sponsors met with the US Army Corps to discuss the Folsom Dam Raise. Board Member Countryman, EO Gallagher, Chief Engineer Shaw, PIC Branch Chief Wright, and Board staff met with members from DWRs Flood Project Office and the Army Corps Sacramento District Mega Project Office. The Board will be receiving a briefing at its March 23 meeting.
- Board Member Ramirez participated as a speaker for Sustainable Conservation's, *Conversations from the Field: Adapting to Extremes* event held Monday, March 19th. Board member Ramirez spoke of the CVFPB's responsibility in flood protection and the outcome in the Central Valley after last year's with rain and snow melt, and the importance of floodplains and the strategy of handling future floodwaters by giving rivers more room to spread out.
- On March 21, 2018 Board Secretary Dolan, and Board Member Macdonald, along with EO Gallagher attended the CVFCA Annual Flood Forum. The theme of the meeting was Post-Disasters, with presentations by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, MBK Engineers, Downey Brand, and Robert Reeb. Slide presentations should be available for viewing at the Flood Control Association website or on request.

- EO Gallagher, Counsel Dua and Chief Engineer Shaw meet weekly with DFM 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

- In January 2018 the US Army Corps of Engineers posted a draft Engineering Circular proposing new Section 408 guidance and requesting comments from stakeholders. Board staff has drafted comments which will be presented at the Board meeting on March 23.

Board News

- On February 26, 2018, Geoff Shaw began work as the Board's Chief Engineer. He has spent the past month getting to know everyone, attending meetings, learning all about our current issues, and will be presenting the 408 comments at the March 23 Board meeting.
- Earlier this week, the Board and DWR Division of Flood Management finalized a Resource Agreement bringing Supervising Engineer Darren Suen over to the Board on a six-month contract to provide legislative and policy advice to the Board. Darren will be reporting to EO Gallagher and working closely with Board Member Villines and Board Secretary Dolan. Welcome Geoff and Darren!