

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting  
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INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

**SECTION 408 POLICY AND PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE**

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**BRIEFING SUMMARY**

**Overview**

On January 23, 2018, the USACE released a Draft Policy and Procedural Guidance for Processing Requests to Alter USACE Civil Works Projects Pursuant to 33 USC 408 (Engineer Circular 1165-2-220). USACE is soliciting public comments on its draft policy which are due to USACE by April 6, 2018.

The Draft Policy and Procedural Guidance revised and introduced the following policies:

- Section 408 Tracking Database
- Review and Notification Timelines
- Multi-phased Review
- Program Governance and Oversight
- Environmental Compliance
- Revised Decision Level

The purpose of this informational briefing is to inform the Board of some of the proposed changes to Section 408 Policy and Procedural Guidance. This new Draft Policy and Procedural Guidance appears to streamline the process to request and secure Section 408 permission from the USACE.

The proposed changes to the Policy and Procedural Guidance appear to more clearly define and enhance efficiency and transparency of the Section 408 permission process. Board staff is currently drafting a comment letter to the USACE.