



CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

Board Administration Executive Officer's Report January 26, 2018

Ongoing Operations

- Twenty-one Delta Subvention Program Agreements were signed, including, Union East Island, Union West Island, Grand Island, Upper Roberts Island, Walnut Grove, Bouldin Island, Palm Orwood Tract, Holland Tract, Webb Tract, Bacon Island, Empire Tract, Lower Jones Tract, Bishop Tract, King Island, Bradford Island, Yolando, Woodward Island, Stark Tract, Coney Island, Wright-Elmwood Tract and Dutch Slough.
- Six LOI's were signed reiterating State Support of USACE Planning Studies including, Yuba River Basin General Reevaluation Report (GRR), Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study, Cache Creek Settling Basin GRR, Lower San Joaquin Feasibility Study, Lower San Joaquin River – Lathrop & Manteca Feasibility Study and Merced County Streams GRR.
- EO Gallagher, Counsel Dua and Acting Chief Engineer Jimenez meet weekly with DFM Acting Division Chief Ericson and the DFM office chiefs. The goal is better communication and collaboration between the Division of Flood Management and the Board.
- EO Gallagher sits on the Public Agency Steering Committee for the Water Plan Update. On January 4, 2018 EO Gallagher attended the Water Plan Workshop to discuss the Finance and Implementation chapters of Water Plan Update 2018. The session included proposed funding scenarios, trade off analyses and the implementation priorities and schedule. Significant changes have been made to these chapters and specific references are made related to state agency roles and responsibilities. The Water Plan is attempting to move toward an outcome based planning effort, similar to that utilized in the CVFPP. The public draft is scheduled to be released in Spring 2018.

- EO Gallagher, Mary Jimenez, Action Chief Engineer, and Michael Wright, Plan, Implementation and Compliance Branch Chief attended the CVFPP Implementation Strategy Meeting on January 10, 2018. The group previewed the presentations by Chris Williams and Laura Hollender which will be presented to the Coordinating Committee on January 24.
- On January 18 President Edgar and EO Gallagher met with new DWR director Nemeth, Chief Deputy Director Messer, and Deputy Director Koch. Goals were better communication and alignment of DWR/Board priorities and resources. Follow up meetings will be scheduled.
- On January 22, President Edgar, Secretary Dolan and EO Gallagher met with Senator Hertzberg and legislative staffer Dennis O'Connor. Goals were to better acquaint our ex officio member with the current hot topics and Board priorities. Discussion points included the CVFPP adoption and implementation schedule. The group also met with Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife staff to keep them updated on Board activities and priorities.
- Board members Edgar, Suarez, Macdonald and Dolan (via phone) attended the Coordinating Committee Meeting on January 24, 2018. The topics of discussion were designed to forward the stated Board priority of "managing the existing levees better". DWR's Chris Williams presented an OMRRR recap, Laura Hollender presented a high level legal framework for operations of the SPFC, Scott Shapiro of Downey Brand (on behalf of local agencies) presented a history of the RDs and OMRRR from the local perspective, and Mike Inamine, Director of SBFCA, noted the approach to OMRRR taken by SBFCA and LD1 and LD9 with regard to the new project on the Feather River. The Board will receive a recap of this meeting at the Board meeting on January 26.
- On January 24, 2018 Board members Suarez and Macdonald facilitated the CVFPP Implementation Advisory Committee meeting. Sr. Environmental Scientist Ruth Darling and EO Gallagher attended as Board Staff. Discussion included the Feather River Habitat Conservation Plan status update, Multiple Objective Operations & Maintenance (MOOM), an overview of MOOM program case studies in California, a description of MOOM Program elements, and summary of opportunities and constraints in the application of a multiple-objective O&M approach in the SPFC. Bear River presentation and a discussion regarding the Corridor Management planning activities, as well

as geography of the Bear River, flood O&M activities, regulatory efforts and objectives. The group will be working on criteria for pilot projects for OMRRR and environmental uplift.

Board News

- Plan Update news and related content is currently up and active on the Board's website. A new tab was added to the home page this month adding live PL84-99 eligibility status maps.
- The advertisement for the Chief Engineer position closed in early January. Panel interviews were conducted on January 25. Stay tuned for more news.