

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD  
PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER'S REPORT  
May 24, 2019**



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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND  
MANAGEMENT BRANCH  
Status Report and Work Activities**

**Environmental Services Section**

- **Project Planning and Coordination**
  - **Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Partnership Implementation**
    - Staff continue to attend the Steering Committee and Action Plan workgroup meetings. The Partnership held a Collaborative Workshop on May 14, 2019 to discuss issues related to the Water Assurances, Programmatic 408 Workgroups, and the overall value of the Partnership. On May 17, 2019 the Operations and Maintenance workgroup will meet and refine the objectives and action plan for the Partnership. Workgroups will continue to develop action plans to guide future work and project implementation.
  - **San Joaquin River Restoration Program**
    - The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) staff will be providing an informational briefing on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program for the June 28, 2019 Board Meeting. The briefing will provide a current overview of the reaches planned for restoration and the operations and maintenance (O&M) of the flood system, as it relates to the Lower San Joaquin Levee District.
- **State Agency Committee Meetings and Coordination**
  - **Delta Levee Habitat Advisory Committee Meeting (DLHAC)**
    - Staff attended the May 3, 2019 DLHAC Meeting. The DWR Delta Levees Program staff reported that the Project Solicitation Package has been held up in review and the future release date has not been determined at this time.

- The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) reported that the 45-day comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is planned to begin on June 7, 2019. The proposed regulations will amend the policy for prioritizing state investments in Delta levees and risk reduction for Delta levee improvement projects. The Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that based on a BCP for additional staff, nutria eradication and treatment is moving away from the Incident Command System to a more local approach with regional offices. The adoption hearing is planned for July 25, 2019. The next DLHAC meeting will be on June 7, 2019.
- **DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group**
  - Staff attended the May 1, 2019 Working Group meeting to discuss how to manage and use the Delta Levee Investment Strategy Decision Support Tool. Documentation is being drafted to formalize roles and responsibilities between the MOU agencies.
  - The DSC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Initial Statement of Reasons to amend California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 6, Section 5001 and 5012 has been postponed. The DSC is planning an adoption hearing for July 2019. The DSC continues to focus on implementation of the Delta Plan floodway protection policy. Staff has provided the DSC with information identifying the CVFPB's jurisdiction and the encroachment permit process that will assist the DSC's regulatory efforts to remain within the legal Delta and avoid conflicting with the CVFPB's jurisdiction.
- **Encroachment Permitting Assistance**
  - **Pre-Application Meetings**
    - Staff continue to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and encroachment permit applicants by conducting pre-application meetings to discuss the permitting approval process pursuant to the Board's regulations under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 1, and USACE regulations under Title 33, USC Section 408. A pre-application meeting was conducted for the following project:
    - City of Sacramento Barge Project – The meeting was held on April 23, 2019 at the request of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) and the City of Sacramento. The project location is along the Sacramento River, adjacent to Old Sacramento. The City is providing the project funding and has completed conceptual designs. A follow-up meeting is tentatively planned within the next 3 to 6 months after completion of additional project design and the Board's encroachment permit application.

- **CVFPB Non-Federal Sponsor Permitting Support for USACE Section 408 Cultural Resource Compliance**

- Board staff assists the USACE with Section 408 requests requiring tribal consultations pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Under Section 106, federal agencies are required to consider the effects of federal projects on historic/tribal properties. The USACE has requested Board staff assistance to obtain access to non-federal land because under federal regulations, the USACE does not grant or negotiate right of entry to non-federal land for third parties and Tribes.

As the Non-Federal Sponsor, Board staff obtained applicant/landowner permission for staff from the USACE and Tribe to conduct a visual survey of the project site for Encroachment Permit Application No.:

- 17497-1 Wickland Pipelines LLC - To realign a portion of the Sacramento International Airport Jet Fuel Pipeline that crosses beneath the Sacramento Bypass, Yolo County. The tribal request for the cultural survey was received from the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.

**Land Management Section – Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD)**

**1. Property Management**

- Temporary Entry Permits (TEP)
  - Sacramento County Regional Sanitation - Arden Pump Station Wet Well Rehabilitation Project: Staff have processed the TEP for construction and a staging area.
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Sutter Lift Station Project: Staff is finalizing the TEP.

**2. Lease Management Plan Implementation**

- Site inspections of leased properties will take place throughout May and June 2019.
- Next steps to implement the Lease Management Plan as presented November 18, 2016:
  - Prioritize leases for renewal that do not require public bid
  - Establish tracking protocols for ongoing property management, inspections and renewals
  - Identify additional leasing opportunities, potential mitigation properties or excess land disposal opportunities