

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD
PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE
OFFICER'S REPORT
March 29, 2019**



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

Environmental Services Section

1. Project Planning and Coordination

- **Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Partnership Implementation**
 - Staff continue to attend the Steering Committee and Action Plan workgroup meetings. Current efforts include refining action plans that will improve planning and project implementation. Staff are planning to present an informational item to the Board at the monthly meeting on May 24, 2019. The presentation will include current status and updates to the Partnership goals and plan implementation.
- **Marysville Ring Levee**
 - The Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (SEA) for Yuba River Basin, California Project – Marysville Ring Levee – Phase 2B and 3 will be available for public review. The 30-day public review begins March 29, 2019 and will end April 28, 2019. A public meeting is scheduled for week of April 10, 2019, at the Yuba County Government Center. The Final SEA is anticipated to come before the Board at regularly scheduled meeting late spring or early summer for adoption.
- **American River Common Features 2016, Beach Stone Lakes Mitigation Site**
 - The Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the American River Watershed Common Features 2016, Beach Stone Lakes Mitigation Site, will be available for public review. The 30-day public review period begins on March 28, 2019 and will end on April 26, 2019. The Final SEA is anticipated to come before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting in late spring or early summer for adoption.

2. State Agency Committee Meetings and Coordination

- **Delta Levee Habitat Advisory Committee Meeting (DLHAC)**
 - Staff attended the March 1, 2019, DLHAC Meeting. The Delta Protection Commission reported that they are seeking the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to be designated as National Heritage Area. On March 12, 2019, President Trump signed bill establishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as California's first National Heritage Area.
 - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) reported that the DWR/Delta Stewardship Council (DSC)/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group continues to work towards the co-maintenance of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS) Decision Support Tool.
 - The DSC reported that their 5-Year Review surveys and interviews are nearly complete and will be holding a feedback session at its March 21, 2019 Council meeting in Stockton.
- **DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group**
 - Staff continue to attend the bimonthly meetings. The DSC and DWR are working towards co-maintenance of the DLIS Decision Support Tool. Discussions are focused on the data needs and staff costs necessary to maintain the tool's functionality.

3. Encroachment Permitting Assistance

- Staff continue to assist the USACE and encroachment permit applicants by conducting pre-application meetings to discuss the permitting approval process and compliance with the Board's regulations under California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 1, and USACE regulations under Title 33, USC Section 408:
- Riparian Mitigation Meeting - Staff participated in a multi-agency meeting including representatives from the Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW); DWR and Board staff on riparian mitigation. The discussion included encroachment permitting requirements and the challenges of placing riparian mitigation for EcoRestore projects and related habitat mitigation projects.
- San Joaquin County Upper Mormon Slough Erosion Repair Project – Staff attended a multi-agency pre-application encroachment permit meeting including representatives from San Joaquin County; USACE 408 Section; USACE Regulatory Division; CDFW; State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); and DWR Flood Maintenance Office. The project was presented as being maintenance, and includes repairing approximately 0.6 miles of eroded bank, installing rock slope protection, and re-grading to design of the O&M Manual for the Mormon Slough Project. The project is being funded under the DWR Flood System Repair Program. The construction is anticipated to begin in May 2020. The applicant's (i.e. San Joaquin County) engineering and consultant management firm, TRC hosted and organized the meeting that was held at their Rancho Cordova location on 10680 White Rock Road.

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

1. Property Management

- Staff are developing the priorities of the Property Management function including the following:
 - Leases: Staff plan to schedule meetings with lessees in “holdover status” and discuss final terms for lease renewals.
 - Assessments: Staff are planning to streamline the work flow that will improve the tracking and payment process.
 - Land Rights: Staff are planning to streamline and improve the process for granting land rights that are prerequisites to the issuance of encroachment permits, licenses, and easements.

2. Lease Management Plan

- A lease renewal plan is being updated to prioritize the schedule for processing leases that are in “holdover” status. Staff will be contacting lessees to schedule site inspections during March and April 2019.
- Staff have identified three small leases that are anticipated as being exempt from DGS public bid requirements. The leases are expected to be renewed for 2019.
- Staff received a proposal from Groteguth Farms to lease property near Chico for grazing on approximately 400 acres. The property has been appraised and the property will be eligible for leasing, pending completion of the environmental review, site visit, and an analysis to determine the maximal use of the property including a ground lease and or mitigation land banking.