

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD  
PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER'S REPORT  
January 25, 2019**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LAND  
MANAGEMENT BRANCH**

**Status Report and Work Activities**

**Environmental Services Section**

**1. Personnel**

- The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) has hired Jennifer Stewart as a new Senior Environmental Scientist. Jennifer started on December 17, 2018. Jennifer was previously employed with the private sector.

**2. Project Planning and Coordination**

- **Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Complex Partnership Implementation**
  - Staff attended the December 6, 2018 Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Partnership Meeting to discuss the draft Road Map, the identified Actions Plans, and the resource commitments anticipated from Partnership members. Overall, Partnership members voiced support for the direction outlined in the Road Map with some caveats and reservations related to issues of long-term Operations and Maintenance assurances, the establishment of a hydraulic baseline, and water quality concerns. Board President Edgar requested a presentation of the Road Map and Action Plans for the full CVFPB.

The Steering Committee has developed a proposed schedule and objectives to formalize the Action Plan workgroups and developed detailed Action Plans for review by the Partnership in spring 2019. Staff continues to participate in the Steering Committee and Action Plan workgroups.

### **3. State Agency Committee Meetings and Coordination**

- **Delta Levee Habitat Advisory Committee Meeting (DLHAC)**
  - Staff attended the January 4, 2019, DLHAC Meeting. The Delta Protection Commission (DPC) shared that a public draft of the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone will be released soon. The Delta Conservancy shared that they have received multiple proposals for their Proposition 1 grant funds, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife proposal to continue the Nutria Eradication Project. The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) reported that the DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation Working Group is working towards co-maintenance of the Delta Levee Investment Strategy (DLIS) Decision Support tool. The DWR Delta Levees Program staff are in the process of responding to comments that will be posted to their website for the for the Delta Levees Flood Control Projects 2014 Guidelines for Providing Funding to Local Public Agencies and Draft 2018 Proposal Solicitation Package for Levee Improvement, Habitat Enhancement, and Multi-Benefit Projects released in October 2018 (Draft Addendum #1). Local Maintaining Agency representatives shared concerns that the DWR Delta Levee Programs only received approximately \$120 million of the \$295 million allocated by Proposition 1 for the reduction of levee failure and flood risk in the Delta.
- **DWR/DSC/CVFPB MOU Implementation WorkingGroup**
  - Staff are continuing to attend the monthly meetings. As reported at the DLHAC meeting, DSC and DWR are working toward co-maintenance of the DLIS Decision Support Took, including identifying data gaps, the need to update the Tool's Database as new information becomes available, and ways to improve analysis. DWR is currently focusing on the development of estimated staff costs to support this effort.

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

#### **1. Property Access, Easements and Parcel Acquisitions**

- The first group of parcels being transferred to the Board from the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) for the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Project are being routed and processed for acceptance by the Board.

## **2. Lease Status**

- An internal audit is in progress assessing status of leases and prioritizing renewal.

## **3. Psomas Property Database**

- This project is estimated to be completed in July 2019.
- This database will be used for parcel data inquiries.

## **4. Project Update**

- Sacramento Bypass Widening
  - Land rights in the Yolo Bypass are being researched by DWR Geodetic Branch
  - Staff is working with USACE to confirm rights to determine if additional rights will be required.