

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
December 18, 2015

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

**CIVIL WORKS REVIEW BOARD for the AMERICAN RIVER COMMON FEATURES
and the WEST SCARAMENTO GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORTS**

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District in cooperation with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, SAFCA and WSAFCA completed final reports for the American River Common Features and the West Sacramento Projects, General Reevaluation Reports (GRR). These efforts led to successful Civil Works Review Boards (CWRB) for the both projects on 8 December at HQUSACE; both were unanimously approved.

In attendance at the CWRB was staff from the District along with Ms. Leslie Gallagher representing the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), Mr. Gary Bardini and Mr. Mike Mierzwa representing the California Department of Water Resources (CaDWR), Mr. Rick Johnson representing the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), and Mr. Greg Fabun and Mr. Tom Ramos representing the West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA). In addition to presentations by these participants, Congresswoman Doris Matsui gave an opening statement about the flood risk of the Sacramento metropolitan area and the need for these projects and Mr. Christopher Cabaldon, Mayor for the City of West Sacramento also spoke on behalf of the projects.

As stated previously, both projects were unanimously approved. There were topics though that led to much discussion because of concern present by various members of the CWRB. Highlights of these discussions include the following: 1) concern of a system-wide plan possibly being forgone by approval of these two GRRs which was resolved by educating decision makers that system wide evaluation such as the CVFPP all rely upon these two GRRs as early implementation and no-regrets projects (note that this was largely addressed by CVFPB and CaDWR staff); and 2) residual risk which was resolved by SAFCA and WSAFCA presenting details of each city's emergency action plans already in place.

The State and Agency review will begin in early January. It is expected that the Chief's Report will be ready for signature in April 2016 followed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works [ASA(CW)] and Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

reviews. Once these reviews are complete the reports will be submitted to Congress for authorization. These projects represent a decade of cooperation in the analyses, evaluation and comprehensive review to address the public safety challenges and necessary levee improvements to greatly reduce the flood risk in the Sacramento Metropolitan Area.