

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
January 24, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on January 24, 2014, beginning at 9:02 a.m. in The Sacramento City Hall First Floor Council Chambers, 915 I Street, Sacramento, California.

The Members of the Board:

Mr. William H. (Bill) Edgar, President
Ms. Emma Suarez, Vice President
Ms. Jane Dolan, Secretary
Mr. Joe Countryman
Mr. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Tim Ramirez
Mr. Mike Villines

The following members of the Board staff were present:

Mr. Jay Punia, Executive Officer
Mr. Len Marino, Chief Engineer
Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Chief Counsel
Mr. Eric Butler, Chief, Projects and Environmental Branch
Ms. Amber Woertink, Staff Assistant

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Marc Hoshovsky, Environmental Program Manager
Mr. Paul Marshall, Assistant Chief, Division of Flood Management
Ms. Gail Newton, Chief, FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO)
Mr. Keith Swanson, Chief, Division of Flood Management

Also Present:

Ms. Kim Floyd, Kim Floyd Communications
Mr. Jason Holley, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ms. Deborah Smith, California Attorney General's Office

Also Present (continued):

Ms. Helen Swagerty, River Partners

1. ROLL CALL

Staff Assistant Amber Woertink called the roll and a quorum was achieved.

Vice President Emma Suarez and Executive Officer Jay Punia congratulated President Bill Edgar, Secretary Jane Dolan and Member Mike Villines on their reappointment to the Board for another four years.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 22, 2013

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the November 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda “as is.”

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Helen Swagerty, Senior Restoration Biologist and Project Manager, River Partners, requested that the Board place the Abbott Lake project on the next Board agenda and answered Board Member questions. Mr. Jason Holley, Department of Fish and Wildlife, further clarified some of the issues involved. The Executive Officer requested staff to review the file and provide information on the status of this permit to the Board.

5. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

Division of Flood Management (DFM) Activities/ Updates

Mr. Keith Swanson, DWR DFM Chief, provided the Report. Highlights included:

- Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency on January 17th and DWR immediately began mobilizing staff and resources in response. Mr. Bill Croydon, former Chief of DWR Flood Operations Branch, was appointed Drought Preparedness Manager.
- DFM is moving forward with filling the Flood Maintenance Office Chief position.

- DFM Assistant Division Chief Paul Marshall was recently promoted to run the Bay-Delta Office.
- Congress passed a 2014 Appropriations Act in mid-January. It contains mixed news regarding the amount of money appropriated for DWR projects--total monies identified for work in the Central Valley is \$78 million.
- The Governor released the State budget for 2014-15, which includes \$77 million in Propositions 84 and 1E funds for FloodSAFE activities.
- The Roundtable reconvenes on February 6. It will refocus from vegetation management to overall system management.
- A January 22 press event was attended by Congressman Matsui and Board President Bill Edgar, to celebrate completion of the South Sac Stream Group projects on Morrison and Unionhouse Creeks. Based on this work, 3,500 homes are being taken out of the floodway. Thus far, since 2006, over \$100 million has been spent making improvements. The last area scheduled for construction, in the 2015-16 timeframe, is on Florin Creek; completion of that area will complete the project in its entirety.

Mr. Paul Marshall, DFM Assistant Chief, thanked the Board and staff for their help in assisting his education in flood management, and provided an overview of the Bay-Delta Office.

FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO) - Update on the Conservation Strategy

Mr. Marc Hoshovsky, DWR Environmental Program Manager, provided the Update and answered Board Member questions. He noted that the Conservation Strategy is primarily an information document intended to help DWR, the regional flood management planners and other stakeholders to design and implement multi-benefit flood management projects.

6. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

A. Annual Progress Report on the Coordinating Committee

Ms. Kim Floyd, Kim Floyd Communications and coordinator of the Coordinating Committee, provided the Report. She noted that the Committee has an open, unlimited membership and generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at a venue in the City of West Sacramento. Board Member Macdonald discussed the “big picture” goals and objectives for the coming year.

B. Board Chief Counsel Update

- Briefing on ongoing Delta Plan adoption litigation

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Chief Counsel, provided the Briefing. Ms. Deborah Smith, California Attorney General's Office, further clarified the current litigation status. Both counsels answered Board Member questions.

C. Drought Preparedness and Water Transfers Briefing - *Postponed*

7. CLOSED SESSION - *None*

- To discuss litigation (Hardesty et. al. v. Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District et. al; United States District Court, Eastern District of California - Sacramento Division Case No. 2:10-cv-02414-GEB-JFM) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).

- To discuss litigation (Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).

- Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(1), (e)(2)(B)(i), and (e)(2)(C)(i), the Board will meet in Closed Session to consider potential litigation involving the Board.

8. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - *None*

9. REQUESTED ACTIONS

A. Bi-annual confirmation of Board meeting schedule and member assignments

Mr. Len Marino, Board Chief Engineer, noted that the only change to the previously adopted schedule for 2014 is the addition of two workshops to be held on February 14, one a review of the Work Plan to Implement the Strategic Plan and the other a budget workshop.

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously re-adopted the 2014 schedule.

Executive Officer Punia detailed the Board committee assignments, liaison assignments and focus groups.

Secretary Dolan suggested that the Board bifurcate the committee assignment list from the formal part of the strategic plan, so that Board action is not required to amend an assignment list, and to authorize the Executive Officer to make adjustments to the list of Board member assignments as needed, and provide a report to the Board.

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously re-adopted the 2014 Member assignment lists, and included the caveat suggested in the above paragraph.

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND TASK LEADER REPORTS

Board Member Ramirez commented that he continues to talk to people about the implication for the implementation of the new federal flood insurance programs and how that might be resolved; and to discuss the conservation strategy and how that might be implemented.

Board Member Villines attended the recent Delta Conservancy meeting.

He attended a conference call for the Upper San Joaquin River workshop number 5, which discussed prioritization of projects.

Board Member Countryman attended the recent Interagency Committee meeting.

Vice President Suarez, in addition to her duties related to the Executive and Coordinating Committee meetings, participated in the Central Valley coalition meeting in early January.

She participated in conversations with the Water Commission designed to increase communication and collaboration among the stakeholders.

Board Member Macdonald continued his usual work with Lower Sac and North Delta Regions, and the Coordinating Committee.

He, along with Board member Countryman, attended the Interagency Committee meeting.

He met with Board staff about some concerns with the Sutter Bypass model information.

He has been talking to DWR personnel and others about how to better integrate the various concerns within the State government.

Secretary Dolan continued her work on the Executive Committee.

She attended several Mid Upper Sac Regional Flood Management meetings.

She continued her contacts, meetings and appointments with personnel from Feather River Regional Flood Management.

President Edgar has been spending a lot of time on Executive Committee activities.

He has been talking to people about how to improve the integration of State activities, so that the regional planners can have a better idea of what the State's policy positions are on critical issues related to the flood control system.

11. FUTURE AGENDA

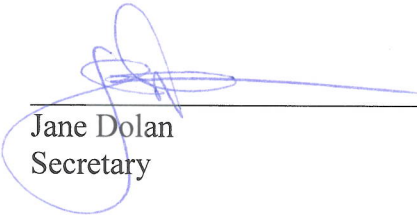
Executive Officer Punia read the draft Agenda for the February 28th Board meeting and answered Board Member questions.

12. ADJOURN-REGULAR BOARD MEETING

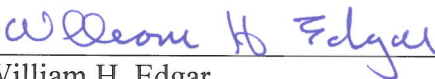
The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 12:07 p.m.

Dated: 3-28-2014

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President