

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
November 21, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on November 21, 2014, beginning at 9:01 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:

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Acting Executive Officer
Mr. Len Marino, Chief Engineer
Mr. Eric Butler, Chief, Environmental and Planning Branch
Ms. Mitra Emami, Chief, Permitting Section
Mr. Michael Wright, Acting Chief, Operations Branch
Mr. James Herota, Senior Environmental Scientist
Ms. Deborah Smith, Board Counsel
Ms. Amber Woertink, Board Analyst

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Stacy Cepello, Chief, Floodway Ecosystem Sustainability Branch
Mr. Joel Dudas, Senior Engineer
Mr. Brian Heiland, Supervising Engineer
Mr. Patrick Luzuriaga, Staff Engineer
Mr. Mike Mierzwa, Chief, Central Valley Flood Planning Office
Ms. Gail Newton, Chief, FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO)
Mr. Michael Sabbaghian, Chief, Project Development Branch

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present (continued):

Mr. Keith Swanson, Chief, Division of Flood Management

Also Present:

Mr. Jim Houpt, Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway

Dr. Cathleen Jones, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Woertink called the roll, all members were present, and a quorum was achieved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2014 - *Postponed*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. CONSENT

A. Permit No. 18964, CA Department of Transportation

Consider approval of Permit No. 18964 to perform scour mitigation at Dry Creek Bridge; including placement of Rock Slope Protection over filter fabric under the structure and across Dry Creek. Spalls in the columns and footings will also be repaired. (Yuba County)

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Houpt, Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway, expressed concerns about the Board’s procedure for changing the names, upon transfer or sale of the property for which there is an encroachment permits for private fences and gates in the Pocket and Little Pocket neighborhoods of Sacramento.

He also asked that the Board take a more critical look at this process.

6. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BRIEFING - *None*

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

FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO) Activities/Updates

Ms. Gail Newton, DWR FESSRO Chief, gave the update on multiple programs and projects, particularly in the delta, and answered Board Member questions.

Ms. Stacy Cepello, DWR FESSRO Branch Chief, updated the Board on the work of the technical team of the Conservation Strategy to draft Measurable Objectives and answered Board Member questions.

Division of Flood Management (DFM) Activities/Updates

Mr. Keith Swanson, DWR DFM Chief, gave the Update. Highlights included:

- Recent personnel changes:
 - Mr. Bill Croyle was promoted to an executive position to lead the DWR drought effort; Mr. John Paasch was promoted to Mr. Croyle's old position.
 - Ms. Karen Hull, Sutter Maintenance Yard Superintendent, retired; Mr. Joel Ferrera replaced her.
- DFM recently published the California Water Plan Update.
- Funding concerns: Funding for Proposition 1E will end soon and the recently funded Proposition 1 provides only \$395 million in flood protection funding.
- A new solicitation for funding of emergency response plans, both statewide and in the Delta, will probably begin after the first of the year. An additional \$5 million is being infused into this program.
- Construction is expected to begin next spring on two emergency response facilities—Weber Island in Stockton and Rio Vista at the ASTA site.
- DWR continues to improve its operations and maintenance, as laid out in the O&M manuals.
- DFM is focusing on invasive species eradication and starting to use hydraulic models to inform vegetation and sediment management.
- Work continues on:

- Improvements to forecasting.
 - Cache Creek mercury management.
 - The 2017 CVFPP update.
 - Flood risk reduction projects and plans, from a systems perspective.
 - Folsom Dam emergency control structure.
 - Yolo Bypass improvements.
 - San Joaquin River Restoration.
- DFM is providing and/or developing guidelines and programs for urban cities and areas to protected by State Plan of Flood Control facilities to achieve 200-year levels of protection.
 - The Flood System Repair Program will address about 140 non-urban sites that have been identified and prioritized as needing urgent action.
 - The Small Communities Program is developing strategies and will soon move into the flood control design phase on 30 small communities protected by State Plan of Flood Control facilities.

2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Updates

- **CVFPP Update Storyboard**
- **CVFPP Draft Briefing Schedule**

Mr. Michael Mierzwa, DWR Central Valley Flood Planning Office Chief, began a series of monthly briefings and the development of the CVFPP Update and the various stages scheduled to continue through the Plan adoption period in June 2017, by updating the Board on the overall progress of the CVFPP.

8. REQUESTED ACTIONS

A. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers American River Watershed, Natomas Basin Project

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2014-29 to amend the Natomas Basin Design Agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency to become a non-federal sponsor and increase the scope and the funds available for pre-construction engineering and design of flood control improvements for the American River Watershed, Natomas Basin Project.

Mr. Patrick Luzuriaga, DWR Staff Engineer, gave the staff presentation. He noted that the proposed Resolution would add \$675,000 from Corps and DWR cost shares.

Upon motion by Board Member Macdonald, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

B. Confirmation of 2015 Board meeting schedule

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Acting Executive Officer, presented the Calendar. One amendment was made—the scheduled March 14 workshop was moved to April 10.

Upon motion by Board Member Countryman, seconded by Secretary Dolan, the Board unanimously confirmed the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule with the amendment referenced above.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- A. To discuss litigation (Steamboat Acres, L.P. v. Daniel P. Whaley; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-0212-00134547) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).**
- B. 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).**
- C. 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).**
- D. 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.**

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

President Edgar remarked that one item was discussed and no action was taken.

11. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

A. Bay Delta Conservation Plan Update

Mr. Mr. Brian Heiland, DWR Supervising Engineer, gave the Update and answered Board Member questions.

B. Subsidence and Levee Movement in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Application of Radar Imaging to a Region-Wide Levee Assessment

Dr. Cathleen Jones, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, provided the Briefing. She and Mr. Joel Dudas, DWR Senior Engineer, answered Board Member questions.

12. BOARD COMMENTS AND TASK LEADER REPORTS

President Edgar and Secretary Dolan are continuing their work on Board organization, staffing and budget analysis, and are getting ready to recommend a process to recruit for the Executive Officer position. He, Board Member Ramirez, and Ms. Gallagher are working with the Agency and various other people to make sure that what the Board does in budgeting, staffing and organization will be supported. He is spending a lot of time with Ms. Gallagher and Board Member Macdonald in discussions about migrating from coordination to integration.

Secretary Dolan continues to actively follow the Feather River and Mid Upper Sac regional flood management planning efforts. She attended the Floodplain Management Conference in September.

Board Member Macdonald has been working on Yolo Bypass concerns. He attended a meeting with DWR's Mike Mierzwa and environmental groups and federal agencies working on the Bypass. He and Vice President Suarez continue their work with the advisory committee. He continues to be in discussion with FESSRO about the where, what and how of FESSRO activities.

Board Member Ramirez attended the Delta Stewardship Council implementation meeting.

Board Member Villines continues to work along the San Joaquin, especially in the Fresno, Madera and Merced County areas. He has been following and familiarizing himself with the Delta Conservancy materials. He has been tracking the Water Commission generally and in particular monitoring bond fund issues.

Board Member Countryman spent considerable time in discussion with various stakeholders about the coordination of the regional plans with the system-wide plan. He attended the Interagency Collaborative meeting.

Vice President Suarez, in addition to supporting the Executive Committee, is working with Board Member Macdonald on the advisory committee, and they are making progress on the Title 23 updates. She continues to participate with the regional planning process.

13. FUTURE AGENDA

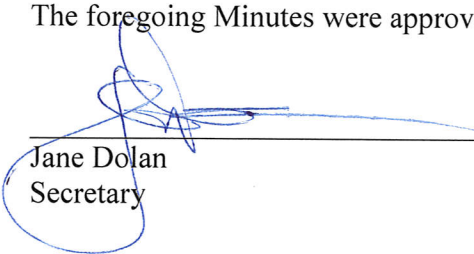
Ms. Gallagher noted that the Title 23 updates will be added to the upcoming December 19 Board Meeting as a decision Action Item.

14. ADJOURN-REGULAR BOARD MEETING

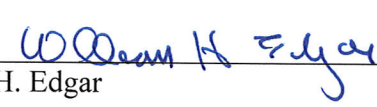
The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 2:35 p.m.

Dated: _____ January 23, 2015

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President