

# ***“Celebrating 103 Years of Flood Management”***

## **CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD**

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## **AGENDA**

### **CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD TOUR INTEGRATING FLOOD MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION IN THE YUBA/SUTTER COUNTY AREA**

### **SUTTER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TOUR, SITE VISITS & INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

**Friday, October 10, 2014  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

### **TOUR SUMMARY:**

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board is planning an informational briefing and public tour in order to inform the Board and the public about some of the efforts going on in the Yuba-Sutter area to integrate flood management and conservation, and the long-term operation and maintenance of those efforts. The group will visit working multi-benefit sites in the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, plus agricultural sites and a duck club that play a key role in habitat restoration. There will also be an informational briefing on an upcoming project – Bullock Bend.

Tour participants will meet at 9:00 AM at the Montna Farms, Dingville, CA Ranch Office and then board vans for the trip to the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge and back. The Bullock Bend informational briefing will take place after the tour, back at the Montna Farms Ranch Office property. Maps are attached.

Attendees will provide their own transportation to Dingville, bring their own water and sun protection, and wear closed toe shoes for walking on uneven ground.

### **\*action item**

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**Directions to Montna Farms, Hwy 99, Dingville, CA 95659** (tour starting location)

**From Sacramento**

From Sacramento, take 99 north. When you get to the Hwy 99 & 70 split, continue on Hwy 99 for 7.5 miles. Montna Farms will be on the left side (West side) of the highway located between Cypress Ave to the North and Oak Ave to the South.

**Speakers for the informational briefing and tour include:**

Jon Munger, Manager of Operations, Montna Farms and Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau President

Mike Peters and Chris Barr, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Mark Young, Westervelt Ecological Services

Joel Farias, DWR, Sutter Maintenance Yard

**Schedule:**

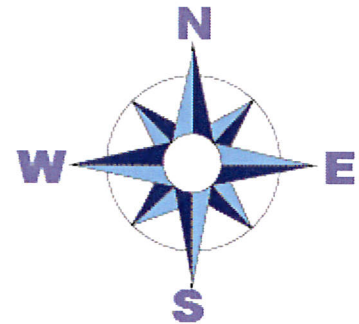
Note: Site Visit times are approximate.

- 9:00 AM – Meet at Montna Farms Office\* (Dingville, CA)  
Opening Remarks, Public Comments (non-agendized items only), and overview of the tour –  
Board President Bill Edgar and Jon Munger
- 9:15 AM – Board vans for the trip to the Refuge
- 10:00 AM – Arrive at and begin tour of Sutter National Wildlife Refuge\*
- 11:30 AM – Depart Refuge for Montna Farms, with stops along the way to view rice fields,  
a riparian corridor, and wetland project in the Sutter Bypass
- 12:30 PM – Informational Briefing at Montna Farms Office.\*
- 1:00 PM – Adjourn Meeting

\*Note: Restrooms are available at these sites

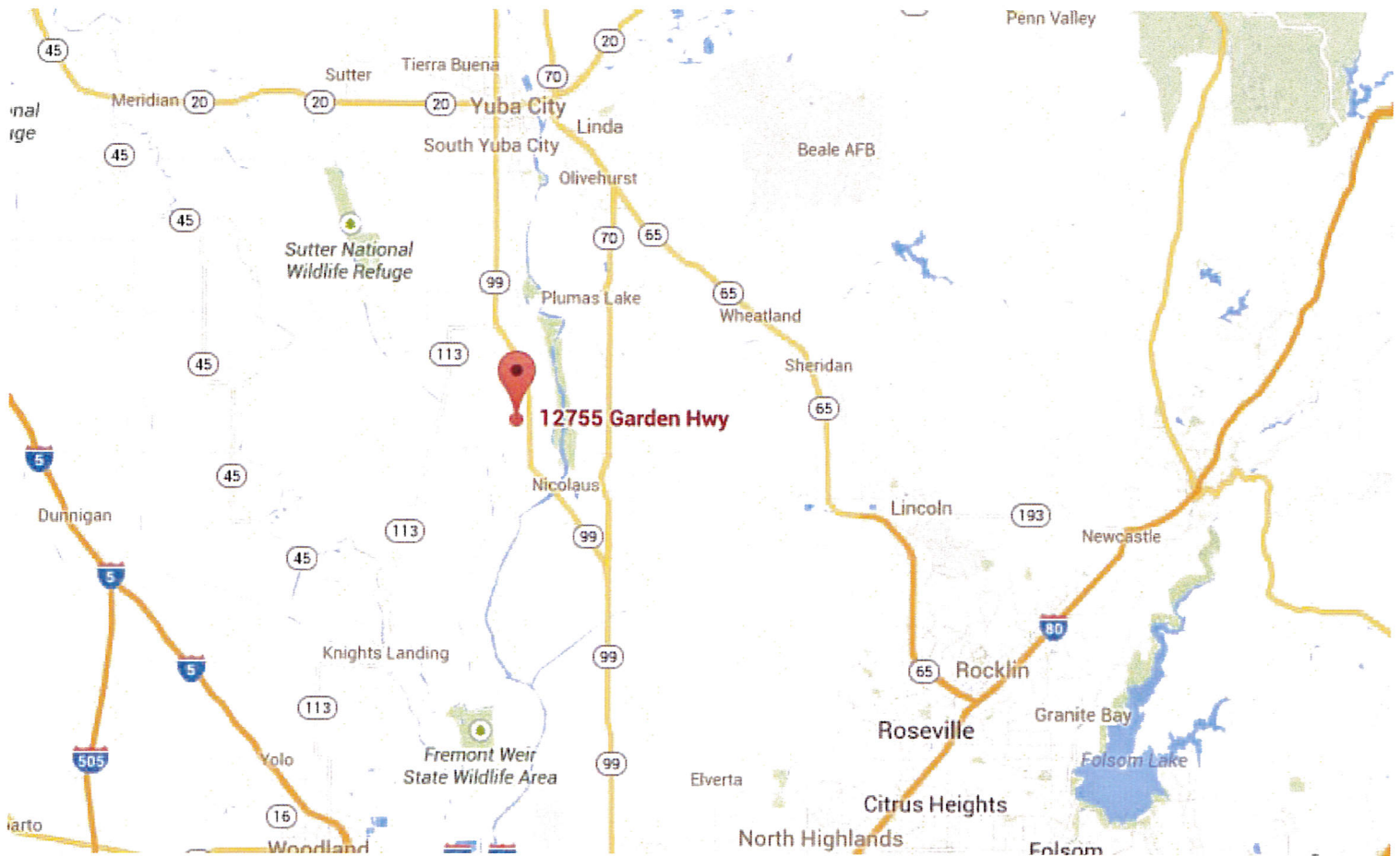


**12755 Garden Highway  
Yuba City, CA 95991-9567 US**



**NOTE:**

From Sacramento, when you get to the Hwy 99 & 70 split continue on Hwy 99 for 7.5 miles. Montna Farms will be on the left side (West side) of the highway located between Cypress Ave to the North and Oak Ave to the South. From Yuba City, we are on the right side (West side) of the highway.



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Cross Streets: Oak & Cypress

\*At Oak, coming from Sacramento - turn on your left signal to turn left into our parking lot. If you come to Cypress you have gone too far and will have to turn around.



# About Sutter National Wildlife Refuge



*Sutter National Wildlife* is part of the [Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex](#). It is located about 50 miles north of the metropolitan area of Sacramento and about 12 miles southwest of Yuba City in Sutter County. The refuge consists of about 2,591 acres consisting primarily of wetlands, with some grasslands and riparian habitats.

Sutter NWR was established in 1945 with funds from the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (today it is known as Federal Duck Stamp) and the Lea Act. It was established to provide feeding and nesting areas for migratory birds and alleviate crop depredation.

About 80% of the refuge is located in the Sutter Bypass ([click here to see a map](#)). During major flood events, the Bypass diverts winter flood water from the Sacramento River, which may cover portions of the refuge with up to 12 feet of water.

Waterfowl are present September through April and numbers peak later than most other refuges in the Complex between January and February. Sutter NWR typically supports wintering populations of more than 200,000 ducks and 100,000 geese.

The mixed riparian forest habitat on the refuge is important for breeding and migrating passerine birds, and supports a large heron/egret rookery. The refuge provides habitat for several Federal and State endangered and threatened species, including giant garter snake, Chinook salmon, yellow-billed cuckoo, and Swainson's hawk.

There are limited wildlife viewing and photographic opportunities from Hughes Road, which bisects the refuge. Hiking trails for wildlife observation and photography are open seasonally from February 15 – June 30 ([click here for the brochure](#)). Access is from a parking area with a kiosk off the Bypass Levee. Hours of access are from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

Waterfowl and pheasant hunting is permitted seasonally. Access the Complex's [hunting webpage](#) for more information.



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Sutter National Wildlife Refuge

Sacramento Valley

Location Map

