

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
January 23, 2015

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

SACRAMENTO RIVER BANK PROTECTION PROJECT
Phase II Supplemental Authority
(Dave Wheeldon, DWR)

BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sacramento District is responsible for implementation of the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP) in conjunction with its non-federal partner, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB). The SRBPP is a continuing construction project authorized by Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1960. The purpose of this project is to provide protection to the existing levee and flood control facilities of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP). The USACE is responsible for planning, design and construction of the bank protection. The CVFPB is responsible for providing all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations and for operation and maintenance of the completed project.

The proposed project would implement an additional 80,000 linear feet (LF) of bank protection to the SRBPP original Phase II project authorization of 405,000 LF (1974), as authorized by Section 3031 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (supplemental authority).

Current Status

The Corps and CVFPB released the SRBPP supplemental authority draft Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) and environmental document on December 23, 2014. The PACR identifies the federal interest in the SRBPP and recommends a policy compliant program for implementation within economically justified sub-basins on sites chosen based upon the Site Selection and Implementation Process for bank repairs.

The PACR describes potential methods of erosion repair work for SRFCP. No specific sites are identified for repair within the proposed plan, but 106 representative sites were studied to help determine the scope of repair methods that might be used. The programmatic environmental impact statement and environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) accompanying the PACR analyzes the environmental effects associated with implementing bank protection measures along 80,000 LF of the SRFCP to arrest streambank erosion that threatens the integrity of the SRFCP levee system. Five programmatic action alternatives are proposed, consisting of different combinations of the following measures: setback levees, adjacent levees, riparian and wetland benches

with revegetation, bank fill stone protection with on-site woody vegetation, and bank fill stone protection with no on-site woody vegetation.

The USACE and the CVFPB will be hosting public workshops to present information and to accept public comments on the PACR/EIS/EIR. The workshop meeting dates, times, and locations are as follows:

West Sacramento

Wednesday, January 14, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Arthur F. Turner Community Library
1212 Merkley Avenue

Colusa

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Colusa County Free Library
738 Market Street

Walnut Grove

Wednesday, January 28, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Walnut Grove Library
14177 Market Street

Chico

Wednesday, February 4, 2015
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Butte County Library
1108 Sherman Avenue

Comments on the draft reports will be accepted until Feb. 27, 2015.

Next Steps

The CVFPB will consider certifying the SRBPP EIS/EIR and approving the SRBPP supplemental authority project at a future CVFPB meeting in 2015.