

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction (SCFRR) Program was created as a result of the adoption of the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) and is intended to invest in qualifying projects that reduce flood risks for small communities. As specified in the CVFPP, small communities are defined as developed areas with fewer than 10,000 residents, which do not fall in the category of urban. Small communities are required to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standard “100-year” level of flood protection (defined as protection from a flood with a 1-in-100 probability of occurrence in any given year) for property located within the flood hazard zone.

The SCFRR Program will support the implementation of flood risk reduction projects for small communities protected by State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. State funding will help small communities and counties to conduct feasibility studies, and design and construct projects with proven feasibility. The selected projects under the SCFRR Program will first conduct a feasibility study of structural and/or non-structural alternatives for providing 100-year flood protection for small communities. The structural alternatives could lead to the design of projects to repair, rehabilitate, reconstruct, or replace SPFC facilities to improve flood protection.

The first Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Workshop was in Willows CA on the November 12th. There were 44 people in attendance and we introduced the Program Guidelines and the Proposal Solicitation Package. We discussed the program and answered questions. The bulk of the presentation was on the resources that we can provide to the Small Communities (mostly Counties) to help them deliver the Feasibility Study in this first phase of the program.

Current Status

The Proposal Solicitation Package and the Guidelines are out for comments.

The draft website. <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/funding/scfrr-guidelines.cfm> Comments are due December 11, 2015.

November/December 2015: Public workshops Two more planned no dates set yet.

January 2016: We anticipate that the Program applications will be due

Early 2016: Execute Phase I agreements for the Feasibility Studies

Fall 2016: Complete feasibility studies

Phase II: Design & Implementation 2016-2019