

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
March 24, 2017

NOTE: THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER TIMED ITEMS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LISTED TIME, BUT NOT BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED. UNTIMED ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY ORDER. THESE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER, BUT ITEMS WERE NOT NECESSARILY HEARD IN THAT ORDER.

A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on March 24, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in The Sacramento City Hall First Floor Council Chambers, 915 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Board Members present:

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

Board Members absent:

Mr. Clyde Macdonald

Board staff present:

Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst
Mr. Kanwarjit Dua, General Counsel
Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer
Mr. Michael Wright, Plan Implementation Branch
Ms. Ruth Darling, Environmental Services and Land Management

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Eric Koch, Division Chief, Division of Flood Management (DFM)
Ms. Mary Jimenez, Chief, Central Valley Flood Planning Office (CVFP)
Mr. Greg Farley, Drought Manager, DFM, CVFP
Mr. Christopher Williams, Senior Engineer, DFM, CVFP
Ms. Jeanine Jones, Deputy Director, Multi Agency Liaison, Executive Division
Mr. Tom O'Neil, Division of Engineering
Mr. Ran Singh, Acting Chief, DFM, Flood System Sustainability Branch
Ms. Sara Denzler, DFM, Flood System Sustainability Branch

Also Present:

Mr. Rene Henry, Trout Unlimited

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Mr. Bill Edgar, Board President, welcomed the participants.

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH A QUORUM (Water Code § 8560)

Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst, called the roll and a quorum was achieved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 17, 2017 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board approved the January 17, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes by a vote of 6-0-1 (Macdonald absent).

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, welcomed new Board employee Mr. Greg Harvey, a Senior Engineer.

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There will be no Closed Session today.

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Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Secretary Dolan, the Board approved Items A and B by a vote of 6-0-1 (Macdonald absent).

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Secretary Dolan, the Board approved Item C by a vote of 5-0-2 (Macdonald absent, Countryman recused).

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rene Henry, Trout Unlimited, commented on the continuing trajectory of the Conservation Strategy and the Board's Advisory Committee.

Vice President Suarez clarified that, although she and Board Member Macdonald remain active members of the Advisory Committee otherwise, they have created a firewall between themselves now that the Board is conducting hearings on the Plan and any forthcoming discussion and/or official commentary among the other Advisory Committee members regarding the Conservation Strategy will be at the public meetings.

7. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ITEMS (Information)

A. Natomas Basin Levee Improvement Contract Award

The USACE will present the status of the construction contract, the ongoing design efforts for other portions of the Natomas Basin, and also provide an update on the American River Common Features Natomas Program schedule.

Mr. John Powderly, USACE Project Manager for the American River Common Features Natomas Basin Project, provided the information and answered Board Member questions.

8. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ITEMS (Information)

A. Monthly Report of the Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Mr. Eric Koch, DWR Division of Flood Management (DFM) Chief, gave the report. He announced two 2016 project solicitation proposals: the Delta Special Projects Program awarded nine projects for a total of approximately \$60 million; and 35 Small Community Program awards covering 37 communities for \$19 million.

Mr. Koch, joined by Randy Fessler of Emergency Management Program, provided information regarding the flooding, high water and the activation of the Flood Operations Center (FOC) and the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). FOC was activated February 7th and remains active to this date. Numerous requests have been received from throughout the state and three Incident Command Teams were deployed. The largest event is the Spillway Damage at Oroville Dam. Mr. Fessler also provided an overview of how the FOC works and a summary of the Oroville Dam situation and DWR's next steps with the dam. Both responded to Board member questions and comments.

B. Information Briefing on Flood System Repair Project

Mr. Ran Singh, DWR DFM Flood System Sustainability Branch Senior Engineer, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Ms. Megan Nagy, Sacramento River West Side Levee District Deputy Manager, commented on the lengthy process involved with funding project agreements.

C. Feather River Regional Permitting Program and Pilot Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Ms. Sara Denzler, DWR DFM Program Manager, gave the presentation and answered questions.

Ms. Nagy, this time commenting on behalf of Reclamation District 108, discussed aspects of the program and HCP.

D. Subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley

Ms. Jeanine Jones, DWR Deputy Director, Multi-Agency Liaison Executive Division, gave a briefing of the land subsidence monitoring in the San Joaquin Valley through a contract with NASA, with a particular need to understand the extent, the hotspots and the impact to critical infrastructure. Board Members commented on aspects of the program and Ms. Jones and Ms. Mary Jimenez, DWR Senior Engineer, answered their questions.

9. 2017 CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN (CVFPP)

A. 2017 Update to the 2012 CVFPP

Mr. Christopher Williams, DWR DFM Senior Engineer, updated the Board on the recently released Technical Memorandum CVFPP Investment Strategy and answered questions.

B. Information Regarding the 2017 CVFPP Update

Ms. Ruth Darling, Board Senior Environmental Scientist, discussed Board staff's recent activities on the Update, as well as the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report.

Board Members and staff discussed aspects of the upcoming April 7th Update Workshop.

10. CLOSED SESSION - *None*

11. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - *None*

12. BOARD ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 2017-02, Interagency Agreement Between the CVFPB and the California State Lands Commission

Mr. Tom O'Neil, DWR Division of Engineering Senior Right-Of-Way Agent, introduced the subject and concluded by asking the Board to consider approval of Resolution 2017-2, which will authorize the renewal of the interagency agreement between the Board and the State Lands Commission to provide audits, engineering and administrative services in connection with the Board's various oil and gas leases; and to delegate authority to the Executive Officer to execute said agreement.

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Board Member Ramirez, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

B. Legislative Update

Mr. Jit Dua, Board General Counsel, gave a short briefing on the recently introduced Senate Bill 5, which would create The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. The legislation would authorize issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds. The primary goal of the legislation is to address the impacts of climate change on California's growing population.

**13. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
(Documents Submitted for Board Member Review)**

- A. Update on Board Administration**
- B. Update on the activities of the Operations Branch**
- C. Update on the activities of the Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch**
- D. Update on the activities of the Environmental Services and Land Management Branch**

(There were no questions on the report or the updates.)

14. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES - None

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD


Board Members and staff briefly discussed upcoming workshops.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 12:52 p.m.

Dated: June 23, 2017

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President