

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD**  
**October 27, 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 October 27, 2017, beginning at 9:06 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. Clyde Macdonald  
Mr. Tim Ramirez  
Mr. Mike Villines

**Board staff present:**

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer  
Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst  
Mr. Kanwarjit Dua, General Counsel  
Ms. Mitra Emami, Chief, Operations Branch  
Mr. Preston Shopbell, Senior Engineer

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

Dr. Michael Anderson, State Climatologist  
Mr. Jon Ericson, Acting Chief, Division of Flood Management  
Mr. Boone Lek, Chief, Reservoir Coordinated Operations Section  
Mr. John Paasch, Acting Chief, Hydrology and Flood Operations  
Mr. Dave Wheeldon, Chief, Flood System Sustainability Branch

**Also Present:**

Mr. Martin Harris, Terra Land Group  
Mr. James Lorenzen, WSP Global Inc.  
Mr. Ray Quaresma  
Colonel David Ray, United States Army Corps of Engineers  
Mr. David Thomas, United States Army Corps of Engineers

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**2. BOARD RESOLUTION PRESENTATION**

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, provided information of the activities that occurred during the Flood Preparedness Week of October 21-28, 2017. President Edgar and Board staff participated in many meetings and activities throughout state and 2,600 children's activities books were distributed. President Edgar read the resolution that officially acknowledged the Board's support for the event.

*Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Secretary Dolan, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.*

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

Ms. Kathryn Baines, Board Analyst, called the roll, all members present and a quorum was established.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 25, 2017 Board Meetings**

*Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Vice President Suarez, the Board unanimously adopted the August 25, 2017 Minutes.*

**5. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Executive Officer Gallagher noted that the Action portion of Item 12A has been postponed until the November 2017 Board Meeting.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Permit No. 19132 Gregory Sanchez**

**Consider approval of Permit No. 19132 to remove and construct a new 1,088 square foot residence in Area C of the Yuba River Designated Floodway. (Yuba County)**

**B. Permit No. 19193 Placer County Department of Public Works**

**Consider approval of Permit No. 19193 to remove and replace the existing Walerga Road Bridge (Bridge No. 19C-0159) crossing Dry Creek Designated Floodway in Placer County. The new bridge will be approximately 500 feet long and 100 feet wide. (Placer County)**

**C. Transmittal for RD 1500 and Tisdale Bypass - Sutter Basin South Levee System (NLD ID 5205000931): Letter of Intent to Submit a System-Wide Improvement Framework Plan (SWIF) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

**Consider authorizing the Executive Officer to transmit a Letter of Intent to develop and implement a SWIF to the USACE, prepared by Reclamation District (RD) 1500 in cooperation with the California Department of Water Resources, for the RD 1500 and Tisdale Bypass – Sutter Basin South Levee System as defined by the USACE's Periodic Inspection Report dated September 8, 2014. (Sutter County)**

**D. Transmittal for the West Sacramento Levee System (NLD ID 5205000903): Letter of Intent to submit a System-Wide Improvement Framework Plan to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

**Consider authorizing the Executive Officer to transmit a Letter of Intent to develop and implement a SWIF to the USACE, prepared by the West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency in cooperation with the California Department of Water Resources, Reclamation District (RD) 900 and RD 537, for the West Sacramento Levee System as defined by the USACE's Initial Eligibility Inspection Report dated April 22, 2016. (Yolo and Solano Counties)**

*Upon **motion** by Board Member Countryman, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Martin Harris, Terra Land Group, and Mr. Raymond Quaresma, a landowner in the area, expressed their belief that more needs to be done to correct Lower San Joaquin River watershed flow deficiencies affecting drainage through the Lower San Joaquin River Basin.

President Edgar directed the Executive Officer to have Board staff arrange for a meeting between stakeholders to exchange information and begin discussions on future flood protection plans in the area.

**8. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ITEMS (USACE)**

**A. Joint Federal Project Briefing**

**Sacramento District will provide an overview of this project, from concept to completion, and include a briefing on near-term and long-term goals for the project.**

Mr. David Thomas, Sacramento District MEGA Projects Center Director, provided his final report and gave an overview of this project and answered Board Member questions.

**9. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) ITEMS**

**A. Monthly Report of the Department of Water Resources**

**Department of Water Resources project updates and recent events, including a wrap-up of flood preparedness events in the region.**

Mr. Jon Ericson, DWR Division of Flood Management (DFM) Acting Chief, provided the report, as well as an update on the Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program.

Mr. John Paasch, DWR Hydrology and Flood Operations Acting Chief, reported on the activities currently underway in the Flood Operations Center, as well as overall preparedness for the coming winter.

Mr. Boone Lek, DWR Reservoir Coordinated Operations Section Chief, updated the Board on the status of reservoir conditions throughout the entire state generally and provided more specific information on the Central Valley; answering Board Member questions.

Dr. Michael Anderson, the State Climatologist, gave an informative presentation titled, *From Drought to Flood: What's Next?*

**B. State and PL 84 99 Storm Rehabilitation Sites**

**The State and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide an update of their efforts to complete repairs of critical sites before this winter season.**

Mr. Dave Wheeldon, DWR Flood System Sustainability Branch Chief, provided the update of the analysis and construction actions of these sites and answered questions.

**C. West Sacramento Area Flood Control District - Southport Levee Improvement Project Construction Update**

**An informational briefing will be given on the construction progress of the Southport Levee Improvement Project (Permit 18313-3).**

Mr. Preston Shopbell, Board Senior Engineer, gave the briefing.

Mr. Jim Lorenzen, WSP Global Inc., described the construction progress to date.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. To discuss litigation (Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel).**
- B. 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 (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel).**

**11. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None**

**12. BOARD ITEMS – Action Item Postponed to November**

**A. Amend Board Policy Regarding Board Committee and Liaison Assignments**

**On October 13, 2017, the Board Adopted Updated Charters for the Coordinating Committee and the Advisory Committee to reflect the priorities of the 2017 CVFPP Update. This requested action seeks to modify the existing Board policy to reflect the updated missions of the two standing committees, and ensure consistency across documents and policies.**

Executive Officer Gallagher provided a brief summary of the Board's current status on the implementation of the plan. Action on this item was continued to the November meeting as an additional committee charter will be considered at that time.

**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**

Secretary Dolan commented that she continues to get input and requests from the regional flood management groups that they would like the Board to continue to advocate for their existence and continued funding, noting the many comments of how helpful this has been, and is to everyone's work. Other Board Members concurred with her comment.

Board Member Countryman commented on a recent discussion between himself, DWR's Mike Mierzwa, and members of the USACE on the Sacramento flood protection system. It is known that the profiles of the system were done by hand in the 1950s and, although it is clear that the numbers don't add up today, the profiles still form the basis for how to follow along and determine if projects are operating as planned. In other words, the base document is flawed, and he advocates for its review and change to reflect current knowledge. All parties in the discussion seemed enthusiastic about the idea of replacing the outdated profiles with a modern unsteady flow model version that would actually get the flow split right between the Yolo Bypass and the Sacramento River. Based on that discussion the USACE will put together some ideas on how a revision might proceed. Board Member Countryman will keep the Board updated on the progress of these ideas. Board Member Ramirez remarked that it was great that this discussion had started, that there is consensus that what is currently used isn't accurate and that it's important to have something that is.

**15. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD**

- **Board Meeting, November 17, 2017 (Sacramento)**
- **Board Workshop, December 1, 2017 (TBD)**
- **Board Meeting, December 15, 2017 (Sacramento)**

The Board briefly discussed elements of the upcoming workshops.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 12:00 p.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing Minutes were approved:

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Jane Dolan  
Secretary

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William H. Edgar  
President