

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
November 17, 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 November 17, 2017, beginning at 9:14 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
Ms. Andrea Buckley, Chief, Environmental Services and Land Management Branch
Mr. Minh Chieng, Staff Engineer
Mr. Kanwarjit Dua, General Counsel
Ms. Mitra Emami, Chief, Operations Branch
Ms. Lucy Montgomery, Chief of Administration
Mr. Preston Shopbell, Senior Engineer

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Daniel Bremerman, Staff Engineer
Mr. Jon Ericson, Acting Chief, Division of Flood Management
Ms. Remy Gill, Staff Engineer
Mr. Dave Wheeldon, Chief, Flood System Sustainability Branch

Also Present:

Mr. Paul Brunner, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority
Ms. Katie Charan, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Gerald Dion, River Partners
Dr. Chris Hammersmark, CBEC Inc.
Mr. Gerry Slattery, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Dave Thomas, United States Army Corps of Engineers

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Board Executive Officer, congratulated Mr. Preston Shopbell, the first Chief of the Board's new Inspections Section.

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2017 and September 2017 Board Meetings

(Approval of the July 2017 Minutes was postponed to a later date.)

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board unanimously approved the September 22, 2017 Minutes.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Executive Officer Gallagher noted that, per request, Consent Item 5E was removed from the agenda and will be schedule at a later date. Also, there will be a Closed Session today, and it will be the final item on the agenda.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Permit No. 19112 AT&T (Deb Biswas, Operations Branch, Board Staff)

Consider approval of Permit No. 19112 to relocate AT&T telecommunication wires and fiber optic line from the existing 5th Street Bridge into the replacement bridge over Feather River, between Yuba City and Marysville. (Yuba County)

B. Permit No. 19113 Comcast (Deb Biswas, Operations Branch, Board Staff)

Consider approval of Permit No. 19113 to relocate Comcast wires and poles from the existing 5th Street Bridge into the replacement bridge over Feather River, between Yuba City and Marysville. (Yuba County)

- C. Permit No. 19114 Central Valley Independent Network (Vast Networks) (Deb Biswas, Operations Branch, Board Staff)**

Consider approval of Permit No. 19114 to relocate Vast telecommunication fiber optic line from the existing 5th Street Bridge into the replacement bridge over Feather River, between Yuba City and Marysville. (Yuba County)

- D. Permit No. 19115 PG&E (Deb Biswas, Operations Branch, Board Staff)**

Consider approval of Permit No. 19115 to relocate PG&E wires and poles from the existing 5th Street Bridge into the replacement bridge over Feather River, between Yuba City and Marysville. (Yuba County)

- E. Permit No. 19131 Gregory Sanchez (Sungho Lee, Operations Branch, Board Staff) - *POSTPONED***

Consider approval of Permit No. 19131 to construct a new 3,653 square-foot residence in Area C of the Yuba River Designated Floodway. (Yuba County)

(As mentioned previously, Item 5E was removed from this agenda and will be reagendaized at a later date.)

Upon motion by Board Member Countryman, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 5A, 5B and 5C.

Upon motion by Board Member Countryman, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board approved Consent Item 5D by a vote of 6-0 (recused-Villines).

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Gerald Dion, River Partners, reported to the Board regarding the conditional permit approved by the Board. He commented that River Partners and West Stanislaus Irrigation District have held meetings and reached agreement and the permit can be finalized. He spoke of his appreciation for all parties efforts to work together for resolution.

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

- A. The Board presentation of a resolution of appreciation to David B. Thomas, Director, MEGA Projects Center, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on his retirement from public service.**

President Edgar expressed his appreciation and read portions of the Resolution. Mr. Thomas thanked the Board and shared some of his thoughts on the importance of the flood risk mission in the Central Valley area.

8. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) ITEMS

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

DWR project updates and recent events.

Mr. Jon Ericson, DWR Division of Flood Management (DFM) Acting Chief, gave the report.

- B. State and PL 84 99 2017 Storm Rehabilitation Sites**

The State and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide a status 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 and answered questions.

Mr. Gerry Slattery, USACE, discussed the schedule of completion for the various sites identified to be repaired this year.

- C. Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) – Feather River Levee Improvement Project**

Informational update will be given regarding the land transfer for the Feather River setback levee footprint.

Mr. Daniel Bremerman, DWR Staff Engineer, gave the presentation. He and Mr. Paul Brunner, TRLIA Executive Director, answered Board Member questions.

- D. Terminus Dam, Lake Kaweah Project Update**

Informational update on the Lake Kaweah project completion and the upcoming need for a Project Cooperation Agreement Amendment.

Mr. Remy Gill, DWR Staff Engineer, and Ms. Katie Charan, USACE, provided the update and answered questions.

9. BOARD ITEMS

A. Consider Adopting the Local Funding Committee Charter

The Board shall consider approval of the Charter for the Local Funding Committee.

Ms. Lucy Montgomery, Board Administration Chief, discussed the committee charter and concluded with the staff recommendation to adopt the draft charter as presented, and to direct the Executive Officer to take steps to fulfill the purpose and scope of the charter.

Upon motion by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the Charter of the Local Funding Committee.

B. Amend Board Policy Regarding Board Committee and Liaison Assignments

On October 13, 2017, the Board adopted updated charters for the Coordinating Committee and Advisory Committee to reflect the priorities of the 2017 CVFPP Update as adopted. At the meeting on November 17th the Board will also charter a third committee, the Local Funding Committee. This requested action seeks to modify the existing Board policy to reflect the updated missions of the two standing committees, as well as add the new committee and ensure consistency across documents and policies.

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Vice President Suarez, the Board unanimously approved the modifications.

C. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Hallwood Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project

Informational briefing on USFWS's proposed Hallwood Side Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project to restore and enhance ecosystem processes in the lower Yuba River just downstream of Daguerre Point Dam. Habitat enhancement actions include riparian planting, topographic modifications, and installation of engineered wood structures consisting of logs and root wads.

Mr. Minh Chieng, Board Staff Engineer, provided an overview of the project's location with respect to the Board's jurisdiction.

Dr. Chris Hammersmark, cbec Inc. Director, gave the briefing and answered Board Member questions.

Mr. Paul Brunner, TRLIA, provided additional information.

**10. 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 was a brief discussion about levee maps.)

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Secretary Dolan commented that she and Executive Officer Gallagher attended a site visit at the Oroville Dam Spillway on November 1st.

Board Member Countryman commented that, although the Folsom Dam Project nears completion, as yet there is no official operations manual. The Corps is determining a path forward for the coming year until a final document can be approved, which will hopefully be sometime in April 2018. He will update the Board further as new information is received.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD

- Workshop, December 1, 2017 (California State Railroad Museum, Sacramento)**
- Board Meeting, December 15, 2017 (Sacramento)**

The Board briefly discussed elements of the upcoming workshops.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- A. To discuss litigation (Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Govt. 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).
- C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 (a)(I): Public Employee Performance Evaluations; Titles: Executive Officer and Board Counsel.


14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (*NONE*)

15. ADJOURNMENT

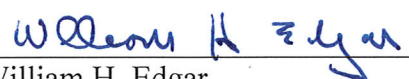
The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 2:16 p.m.

Dated: 1-26-2018

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President