

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
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INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District Assessment District Feasibility Study

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) staff and the consultant team will provide a briefing on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) Assessment District Feasibility Study (Study), detailing the status of the Study and preliminary results in advance of the Draft Report of Findings, to be released this year.

Background

A contract for the Board's SSJDD Study was issued on December 20, 2019. The consultant team is responsible for evaluating the feasibility of reutilizing the SSJDD Assessment to provide funding for system-wide improvements and the operation and maintenance of associated flood control structures and levees within the State Plan of Flood Control. The project will culminate with a Report of Findings for consideration by the Board.

The team held a series of stakeholder engagement meetings to identify the services/activities to be included in the SSJDD Study. Five potential service areas have been identified and are as follows:

- Category 1 –Services that leverage beneficiaries beyond the boundary limits of individual Local Maintaining Agencies
- Category 2 –Services that provide programmatic/regional corridor benefits
- Category 3 –Capital improvements / repairs for State Maintenance Areas
- Category 4 –Regional programmatic capital improvement programs for small community flood risk reduction projects
- Category 5 –Regional program for non-structural flood mitigation measures

The SSJDD Study team has worked to advance the five categories of service to be studied, which involves beneficiary analysis and development of assessment methodology and test cases.

Current Status

The consultant team has completed the beneficiary analysis and feasibility testing and is developing the draft Report of Findings. A preliminary draft of the Report of Findings will be presented to interested parties to receive final comments prior to releasing the Draft Report of Findings for public comment.

Stakeholder Engagement

Board staff and the consultant team have conducted multiple engagement meetings to develop a shared understanding of opportunities, constraints, issues, and concerns. Engagement meetings included representatives from local maintaining agencies, flood control agencies, Central Valley Flood Control Association members and state partners. Participants were engaged to coordinate on the categories of service and the assessment methodology.

Next Steps and Schedule

A preliminary Draft of the Report of Findings will be presented to interested parties in August. Submitted comments will be incorporated into the report and released for public review in September.

Public comments will be presented to Board in the Fall 2023. The Final Report of Findings will be presented at the December Board meeting.