

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

June 27, 2025

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 at the California Natural Resources Agency, 715 P Street, Room 2-201, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, California and concurrently online (on WebEx) on June 27, 2025, beginning at 9:06 a.m.

Board Members present:

Jane Dolan, President
Mike Villines, Vice President
Brian Johnson, Secretary
Betty Andrews (Remote)
Keely Bosler
Joe Countryman
Mary Jane Griego

Board staff present:

Chris Lief, Executive Officer
Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, General Counsel (Remote)
Michael Wright, Chief Engineer
Jonah Knapp, Board Clerk and Executive Assistant
Zubair Dosu, Manager, Deferred Encroachment Compliance Section
Greg Harvey, Program Manager, Flood System Improvement Branch
Selva Selvamohan, Manager, Sacramento Levees Section

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Justin Logan, Engineer
Christopher Williams, Manager, Flood Planning Branch

Also present:

Erik Almas, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck
Julie Gabele
Brenda Gustin, American River Trees
Candice Heinz

Also present:

Nancy Kniskern, American River Trees

Don Murphy

Meegan Nagy, Sacramento River West Side Levee District

Chris Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck

Dirk Ruthrauff

Tom Slater, Reclamation District 999, California Central Valley Flood Control Association

Pete Spaulding, American River Trees

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

Jonah Knapp, Board Clerk and Executive Assistant, called the roll and a quorum was established.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jane Dolan, Board President, welcomed the participants.

Chris Lief, Board Executive Officer, announced that Tony Johnson, Board Associate Governmental Program Analyst, has left the Board. Mr. Lief thanked her for her dedication and professionalism and for the many ways she helped strengthen Board operations.

3. REVIEW AGENDA

President Dolan briefly reviewed the agenda.

4. APPROVE MINUTES – May 23, 2025

Minutes approval was postponed.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no Consent Items.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Murphy, whose boat dock was removed as part of the Erosion 2 contract, asked for an update on when he will be able to return the dock. Also, speaking on behalf of neighbor Billyann Groza, he asked about the permitting process and specifically for clarification on the right-of-way access.

Nancy Kniskern expressed her concerns about the EIS/EIR related to the proposed significant environmental effects on the Contract 3B area.

Pete Spaulding, American River Trees, reiterated some of his Contract 3B concerns and thanked Board staff for agreeing to meet with them.

Julia Gabele expressed concerns about Contract 3B and concluded by asking the Board to pause the EIS/EIR and step back and rethink the project.

Brenda Gustin, American River Trees, requested that the Board set aside Contracts 3B, 4A and 4B.

Candice Heinz asked the Board to pull Contract 3B from CEQA certification.

Dirk Ruthrauff urged the Board to not approve the Contract 3B portion of the project.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A. A written update on pertinent State legislation and federal news will be provided.

President Dolan noted that the Board had received the written update.

8. UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

There were no USACE items.

9. BOARD ITEMS

A. Staff Activities Report – Flood System Improvement Branch

Greg Harvey, Board Flood System Improvement Branch; Selva Selvamohan, Board Sacramento Levees Section Manager; and Zubair Dosu, Board Deferred Encroachment Compliance Section Manager, gave the presentation. They highlighted some of the projects they have been working on for the past months and answered questions.

Meegan Nagy, Sacramento River West Side Levee District, provided additional relevant information.

10. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) ITEMS

A. Written Report from DWR

President Dolan noted that the written report was submitted.

B. 2027 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update

Christopher Williams, DWR Flood Planning Branch Manager, gave the update and answered questions.

C. Approve the FY2023-24 Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program Estimated Reimbursement Summary, the FY2024-25 AMENDED Funding Allocation Plan, and the FY2025-26 Funding Allocation Plan.

Justin Logan, DWR Delta Levees Program Staff Engineer, gave the presentation and concluded with the staff recommendation that the Board approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 estimated reimbursements, the FY 2024-25 amended \$16 million funding plan, the FY 2025-26 \$16 million funding plan, and authorize staff to send out work agreements for the FY 2025-26 subventions year.

Chris Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck, commented that this is a great program that is fulfilling a substantial need in the Delta and they look forward to the Board approving the motion.

Upon motion by Board Member Griego, seconded by Board Member Countryman, the Board unanimously approved the estimated reimbursement summary and funding allocation plans.

D. Briefing on October 2024 Victoria Island Emergency Response and Repair

Mr. Logan introduced the Briefing.

Chris Neudeck and Erik Almas, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck, gave the presentation and answered questions.

Tom Slater, Reclamation District 999 and California Central Valley Flood Control Association, complimented both presenters and provided additional background information.

11. STAFF ACTIVITY REPORTS

Written updates regarding the activities of the Board's staff:

- A. Executive Staff and Administrative Division**
- B. Operations Branch**
- C. Flood System Improvement Branch**
- D. Natural Resource Management and Planning Division**
- E. Executive Officer Delegated Permit Report**

President Dolan noted that all the written updates had been submitted.

12. BOARD COMMENTS AND UPCOMING COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no comments or updates.

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting, July 18, 2025 (California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters)**
- **Coordinating Committee, July 22, 2025 (West Sacramento City Hall)**
- **Board Workshop, August 8, 2025 (California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters)**
- **Board Meeting, August 22, 2025 (California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters)**

President Dolan briefly discussed the upcoming meetings.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126 (e)(i). To discuss litigation: Mandroop Singh Purewal, et al. vs. State of California, Superior Court of the State of California County of Yolo Case No. CV20251439. (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel)**
- B. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 11126 (e)(i). To discuss litigation: Sierra Northern Railway vs. Central Valley Flood Protection Board, et al, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Yolo Case No. CV-2022-0479. (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel)**
- C. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126 (e)(i). To discuss litigation: Liam Meyer v. Central Valley Flood Protection Board, et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00276397. (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel)**
- D. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126 (e)(i). To discuss litigation: The People of The State vs. Yeung Farms Enterprises, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Yolo CV-2020-330. (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel)**
- E. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(1), (e)(2)(B)(i), and (e)(2)(C)(i), to consider potential litigation involving the Board. (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel)**
- F. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (a)(1), to consider personnel matters. (Kanwarjit (Jit) Dua, Board Counsel)**

There was no Closed Session.

15. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

As there was no Closed Session, there was no Closed Session Report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Dolan adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Dated: 8/22/2025

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Brian J. Johnson
Board Secretary



Jane Dolan
Board President