



Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Strategic Plan 2025

VISION STATEMENT

To Provide Exceptional Leadership, Services, and Accountability in Flood Risk Reduction

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Our Mission is to Reduce the Risks of Catastrophic Flooding to People and Property within the California Central Valley.

We achieve our mission through:

- Adopting and implementing the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan in coordination with the Administration's broader California water policy, serving as the non-federal sponsor to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to plan and construct new State-federal flood risk reduction facilities;
- Fulfilling the State's obligation to USACE to operate and maintain the existing State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities by coordinating with and assisting our local and state maintenance partners;
- Evaluating, approving, and adopting as part of the SPFC, new flood risk reduction facilities;
- Fulfilling our permitting, inspection, and enforcement responsibilities within the Adopted Plan of Flood Control;
- Managing State lands under the control of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD);
- Providing a forum that promotes transparency and invites public participation, tribal collaboration, and inter-agency coordination among state, federal, tribal and local governmental entities; and
- Promoting projects that enhance ecosystem functions, floodplain expansion, and projects that support multiple benefits.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY — We are committed to ethical conduct, fairness, and transparency in how we serve the public and engage with our state, federal, tribal and local partners. We recognize that our individual and collective actions reflect on the entire organization, and we strive to build and maintain trust through honesty, equitable treatment of others, and respect for confidentiality. We are accountable and take responsibility for our actions and decisions. We implement the Board's authorities fairly and consistently in accordance with our governing laws, regulations, and policy.

LEADERSHIP — We lead by example and are committed to advancing the Board's mission through innovation, collaboration, and ongoing professional growth. We cultivate and share our expertise to support the development of forward-looking flood risk reduction policies. The Board, in coordination with DWR and other partners, is a leader in developing and implementing flood risk reduction policy in the Central Valley and considers and leverages the diverse knowledge of other state, federal, tribal and local governmental partners, as well as non-governmental partners, in that policy development and implementation.

RESPECT — We foster a culture of open communication, shared understanding, and mutual respect. We actively build productive partnerships with our co-workers; local and tribal communities; interested state, federal, tribal and local governmental entities; and other individuals and non-governmental organizations. We seek to learn, understand, empathize with, and make accommodations for individuals and communities of various backgrounds and cultures to foster respectful and effective communication and collaboration.

PROBLEM SOLVING — We adapt to change and evolve as needed to further our mission. We continuously seek to improve our efficiency and effectiveness. We recognize problems and seek to resolve them fairly, creatively, and expeditiously, while considering different viewpoints of those affected.

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD GOALS

GOAL 1 — Preserve and Improve the Integrity and Function of the Flood Risk Reduction Systems in the Central Valley.

GOAL 2 — Support Effective Planning and Implementation for Projects, Regional Actions, and Systemwide Improvements for Multi-Benefit Flood Risk Reduction Actions in the Central Valley.

GOAL 3 — Provide Leadership to, and Promote and Participate in, Collaborative Partnerships that Advance Efforts to Reduce Flood Risk in the Central Valley.

GOAL 1

Preserve and Improve the Integrity and Function of the Flood Risk Reduction Systems in the Central Valley.

The Board promotes programs and policies that support maintenance of and improvements to flood risk reduction systems, which serve as the first line of defense and reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding to people, property, and infrastructure.

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| Objective 1.1: | Administer regulatory programs (i.e., permitting, enforcement, and inspection programs) efficiently, timely, fairly, equitably, and with the aim of reducing flood risk. |
| Objective 1.2 | Continuously improve operational efficiencies in our regulatory programs and internal processes to keep our efforts focused on activities that reduce flood risk. |
| Objective 1.3 | Seek and approve resources to provide maintenance partners the tools to fulfill their operations and maintenance responsibilities. |
| Objective 1.4 | Support efficient and timely permitting processes for environmental restoration projects that provide ecosystem benefits consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and the Conservation Strategy. |
| Objective 1.5 | Update flood risk reduction regulations, design standards, policies, and guidance to reflect future climate change scenarios, incorporating the latest science to improve system performance, enhance resilience, and reduce long-term flood risk across the Central Valley. |
| Objective 1.6 | Prioritize resources to implement actions that have the greatest potential to reduce flood risk. |

GOAL 2

Support Effective Planning and Implementation for Projects, Regional Actions, and Systemwide Improvements for Multi-Benefit Flood Risk Reduction Actions in the Central Valley.

The Board, in coordination with DWR, leads, supports, and participates in flood risk reduction planning efforts throughout its jurisdiction, including the development, adoption, and implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (Plan), related Conservation Plan, and its updates. In addition, the Board advances effective planning throughout its jurisdiction, including areas outside the Plan's geographic restrictions, to address localized flood risks, support project development, and promote regional solutions. The Board promotes the incorporation of multiple benefits in its planning efforts where beneficial and practical, and it seeks to align flood risk reduction planning in the Central Valley with broader state water policy.

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| Objective 2.1 | Inform DWR's development of the Plan and its Conservation Strategy and support their implementation to achieve measurable, broadly supported outcomes that reduce flood risk and provide multiple benefits. |
| Objective 2.2 | Facilitate interested parties' participation in DWR's development of the Plan and its Conservation Strategy. |
| Objective 2.3 | Advance development of regional plans, basin-wide plans, watershed plans, in coordination with interested parties' input. |
| Objective 2.4 | Advance planning efforts that consider climate change vulnerabilities, uncertainties, adaptation, and resilience strategies. |
| Objective 2.5 | Support administration priorities and flood risk reduction efforts in legislative forums as experts and advocates for state and federal interest and appropriations. |

GOAL 3

Provide Leadership to, and Promote and Participate in, Collaborative Partnerships that Advance Efforts to Reduce Flood Risk in the Central Valley.

The Board fosters and sustains collaborative partnerships with state, federal, tribal, local governmental entities, as well as non-governmental entities, to support the development of flood risk reduction projects and programs that address shared priorities and diverse needs.

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| Objective 3.1 | Facilitate and advance the adoption of planning and funding concepts that incorporate climate change impacts, adaptation strategies, and regional planning. |
| Objective 3.2 | Provide a forum for collaborative dialogue, technical exchange, and joint problem-solving on flood management challenges. |
| Objective 3.3 | Collaborate with state, federal, tribal, and local governmental partners, as well as non-governmental partners, to advance flood risk reduction efforts in the Central Valley. |
| Objective 3.4 | Coordinate with other entities with overlapping oversight responsibilities to reduce redundancies, and to identify and implement efficiency measures. |
| Objective 3.5 | Provide technical and regulatory assistance to project proponents to help develop efficient, coordinated, and implementable flood risk reduction projects. |
| Objective 3.6 | Build public understanding and support for flood risk reduction initiatives through inclusive outreach, education, and advocacy for multi-benefit, community-informed solutions. |