

# **California Central Valley Flood Protection Board**

## **DRAFT Strategic Plan**

**2013-2017**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

### **1. Overview of Flood Protection Board**

- Material to come

### **2. Goals of planning process**

- Material to come

### **3. Major trends and planning factors**

- Material to come
- Initial brainstorming:
  - Paterno decision
  - Katrina
  - Climate change
  - Corps getting out of Flood funding, but not out of regulation
  - Billions in state funding for projects (not millions), but money running out in 2015
  - Cost sharing shift to local and state government
  - Local voter-driven funding decisions
  - Political divisions across state in terms of support for flood protection funding
  - '08 Legislation
  - Expectations of governor
  - Infrastructure in disrepair
  - Increasing technology means projects cost more
  - Increasing numbers of homes in deep flood prone areas

## CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

**MISSION: To reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding to people and property within the California Central Valley.**

We achieve our mission through:

- Implementing the State's vision for managing flood risk as articulated in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
- Providing oversight of existing flood risk reduction facilities.
- Evaluating and approving new flood protection facilities.
- Being consistent, timely and effective in fulfilling our permitting and enforcement authorities.
- Providing a forum for public participation and inter-agency coordination between federal, state, and local agencies and stakeholders.
- Taking an integrated approach to flood protection that achieves an appropriate balance of conservation, system repair, and public safety.

## GOALS:

### **Goal 1: Preserve the integrity and function of flood protection systems in the Central Valley.**

- Objective 1.1: Assure judicious and timely permitting.

#### Strategies:

- 1.1.1 Implement a separate permitting track for improvement projects.
- 1.1.2 Establish authority to charge filing fees for permits.

- Objective 1.2: Expand enforcement capacity and authority.

#### Strategies:

- 1.2.1 Create comprehensive database that includes a detailed inventory of encroachments, including non-permitted and out of compliance encroachments.
- 1.2.2 Quantify, categorize, and prioritize encroachments and need for enforcement actions.
- 1.2.3 Obtain additional enforcement authority.
- 1.2.4 Update regulations to implement robust enforcement.
- 1.2.5 Establish authority to issue fines without going to court.

- Objective 1.3: Work with LMAs to assure effective levee maintenance and improvement.

#### Strategies:

- 1.3.1 Work with LMAs to concentrate resources on high-risk areas.
- 1.3.2 Develop program to hold LMAs accountable for meeting their maintenance and improvement objectives.
- 1.3.3 Create structure to delegate authority to LMAs to initiate enforcement actions.

**Goal 2: Facilitate the implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.**

- Objective 2.1: Work with local, regional, state and federal agencies to help assure CVFPP milestones are met.

Strategies:

- 2.1.1 Move “low-hanging” projects to implementation.
  - 2.1.2 Monitor plan implementation benchmarks and communicate to the public.
  - 2.1.3 Work with DWR to communicate hydraulic models and maps to public and agencies.
  - 2.1.4 Work with DWR and Corps to resolve vegetation issue.
- Objective 2.2: Energize completion of regional plans in cooperation with local agencies.

Strategies:

- 2.2.1 Utilize the coordinating committee to facilitate effective communication and coordination.
- 2.2.2 Ensure integration of system-wide planning and conservation framework into regional plans.
- 2.2.3 Ensure regional plans meet timetable of 2017.

### **Goal 3: Provide Leadership in State and Local Planning**

- Objective 3.1: Facilitate the transition to new planning and funding paradigms (in the context of the changing role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

#### Strategies:

- 3.1.1 Provide a forum for redefining the roles and responsibilities of state and local flood protection agencies.
  - 3.1.2 Examine internal planning and operating processes and recommend potential changes.
- Objective 3.2: Assure high levels of performance by our organization.

#### Strategies:

- 3.2.1 Analyze staffing needs and recommend changes.
- 3.2.2 Examine Board committee structure and recommend changes.

### **Goal 4: Develop broad public support for new flood protection projects.**

- Objective 4.1: Partner with DWR and local and regional agencies to build public support for new flood protection projects.

#### Strategies:

- 4.1.1 Build support for additional measures and funding to protect public safety in deep flood prone areas.