

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Draft Action Plan

Goal 1: Preserve the Integrity and Function of Flood Protection Systems in the Central Valley

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
Objective 1.1: Assure judicious and timely permitting.	Strategy 1.1.1: Develop processes and templates to help assure timely permitting decisions. on projects	1. Continue to implement and refine existing fast-track permitting process.	Mitra	In process	Ongoing	One additional environmental scientist has already been approved in FY 13-14 BCP; need one more water resources engineer.
		2. Explore and report to Board what types of authorizations might be included in an “over-the-counter” process.	Len (with Leslie, Mitra)		Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Explore and report to Board potential additional delegated authority to Executive Officer related to certain types of permits.	Leslie		Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		4. Explore options for reimbursement authority for technical and real estate assistance.	Leslie		Spring 2014	
		5. Update the Board’s regulations.	Eric		Dec. 2015	Consultant help is needed.
	Strategy 1.1.2: Implement a separate permitting track for flood system	1. Develop separate permitting process for flood system improvement projects.	Eric		Draft proposal by July 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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	improvement projects.	2. Gain Board approval for new permitting process.	Eric		Dec. 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Update Board regulations to reflect new permitting process.	Eric		June 2015	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		4. Communicate process to stakeholders.	Eric	January 2015	June 2015	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 1.1.3: Establish authority to charge filing fees for permits.	<i>Note: Defer this action for now. Timing for this initiative to be determined at a later date.</i>	Board's E.C.			
Objective 1.2: Expand enforcement capacity and authority.	Strategy 1.2.1: Create comprehensive database that includes a detailed inventory of encroachments, including non-permitted and out-of-compliance encroachments.	1. Complete integration of permitted encroachments into Board/DWR/USACE database.	Mitra		Fall 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Develop and populate database with non-permitted and out-of-compliance encroachments as USACE completes levee inspections.	Mike	Ongoing	USACE to finish process in Fall 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 1.2.2: Quantify, delineate, categorize, and prioritize encroachments and the	1. Develop policy paper that defines systematic approach to prioritizing encroachment actions and present to Board.	Mike		March/April 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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	need for enforcement actions.	2. Clarify Board's regulatory authority as it pertains to enforcement and property rights (e.g. extent of Board's prescriptive authority).	Len		Fall 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Clarify Board's permitting processes and update regulations with regard to existing and new swimming pools.	Len		Fall 2014 for permit process; update regs. in 2015 (part of strategy 1.1.4)	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		4. Work with DWR public affairs office to communicate Board policies on permits and encroachments to stakeholders.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 1.2.3: Resolve encroachments that are in conflict with assurances provided to USACE and that compromise system performance.	1. Continue to issue Notices of Violation in cases of clear violation of encroachment policies.	Mike		Ongoing	Need two water resources engineers and a surveyor.
		2. Work with DWR's office of chief counsel to delineate enforcement policies and approach for prosecuting violations.	Len (w Leslie)		May 2014	1.2.4 is critical path to accomplishing this action.
		3. Update enforcement procedures, guidelines and flow chart based on new regulations.	Curt		Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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		4. Explore change in Board policy to specify which permits “run with the land” and report to Board.	Jay		Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		5. Develop policy related to the assignment of legal responsibility for legacy features and encroachments.	Leslie		Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		6. Develop policy related to bringing into compliance legacy features and encroachments that are the responsibility of the USACE or the State.	Jay		Dec. 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 1.2.4: Develop efficient and effective sources of real property data.	1. Develop recommendation and BCP for real property database.	Len		Concept paper by March 2014; BCP by August 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Explore options with DWR real estate branch for obtaining real property data.	Len		June 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 1.2.5: Obtain additional enforcement authority through legislation and update regulations accordingly.	1. Update regulations per SB 753 to reflect additional enforcement authority.	Eric	Fall 2013	Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Establish policies and procedures related to expanded authority.	Len	Spring 2014	Summer 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
	Strategy 1.2.6: Establish authority to issue administrative fines without going to court.	1. Develop the regulations needed to issue and collect fines.	Eric	Fall 2013	Spring 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Develop the necessary policies and procedures for issuing and collecting fines.	Len	Spring 2014	Summer 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Assure appropriate training for enforcement staff in implementing new policies and procedures.	Mike		Fall 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
Objective 1.3: Work with Local Maintaining Agencies (LMAs) to assure effective levee maintenance and improvement.	Strategy 1.3.1: Work with LMAs to concentrate resources on high-risk areas.	1. Continue to work with DWR and the LMAs to address high-risk issues.	Mike		Ongoing	Need two additional water resources engineers.
	Strategy 1.3.2: Develop program to hold LMAs accountable for meeting their operation and maintenance objectives.	1. Meet with DWR’s Inspection Section to develop combined program to identify under-performing LMAs.	Mike		Jan. 2015	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Work with DWR to improve maintenance levels at under-performing LMAs.	Mike		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Once a year, report under-performing LMAs to the Board.	Mike/DWR	January 2014	Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		4. Update the Board with regard to the Board’s ability to create State Maintenance Areas.	Len		May 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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	Strategy 1.3.3: Create regulatory structures to delegate authority to LMAs and, upon their request, enable them to initiate enforcement actions.	1. Prepare draft delegation and policies for LMAs to review.	Curt	January 2014	Summer 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
2. Enact delegated authority with LMAs that request to participate.		Mike	July 2014	Fall 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.	
3. Provide training to participating LMAs.		Len		Dec. 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.	

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Goal 2: Oversee the Implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
Objective 2.1: Work with local, regional, state and federal agencies to advance implementation of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.	Strategy 2.1.1: Assure the Board's commitments in its resolution adopting the CVFPP are met.	1. Analyze the Board's commitments and develop reporting tool.	Ali		Summer 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Actively monitor progress in achieving Board's commitments.	Ali		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Work collaboratively with DWR to assure commitments are fulfilled. <i>Note: Staff seeks Board guidance around this action.</i>	Ali		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		4. Provide reports to the Board twice a year.	Ali	Summer 2014	Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 2.1.2: Facilitate projects moving forward to implementation in accordance with the State System-wide Investment Approach (SSIA).	1. Work with USACE and Division of Flood Management (DFM) on Board-sponsored feasibility studies and projects.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Work with local sponsor and DFM to implement flood system improvement projects.	Eric		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Support local and DWR-led evaluation, approval and construction of CVFPP projects developed through integration of basin-wide feasibility studies, regional flood plans, and Conservation Strategy.	Jay (w Len)		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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		5. Collaborate with state and federal agencies to streamline and consolidate permitting process for environmental restoration, consistent with CVFPP conservation strategy.	Eric		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 2.1.3: Monitor plan implementation benchmarks and communicate to the public.	1. Identify prospective list of plan implementation benchmarks.	Ali		Summer 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. As plan implementation benchmarks are achieved, work with DWR public relations office to communicate them to the public.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 2.1.4: Work with DWR to communicate technical data and tools to public and agencies.	1. Continue to work collaboratively with DWR to develop Flood Emergency Response Information Exchange (FERIX).	Mitra		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Continue to work through the Coordinating Committee to share with local stakeholders geotechnical, hydrology, and hydraulic information developed by DWR.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Communicate technical data and information to cities and counties to assist them in amending their General Plans to comply with SB 1278.	Ali		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
	Strategy 2.1.5: Work with local, state and federal agencies to resolve issues around long-term management of vegetation.	<i>Note: This strategy is on hold for now pending resolution of legal issues.</i>	Board's E.C.			
	Strategy 2.1.6: Work with LMAs, DWR and USACE to address legacy design, construction, and SPFC facility obsolescence issues.	1. Support ongoing planning studies so that 2017 update captures relevant issues and proposes solutions for them.	Eric		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Assure Board member and staff participation in appropriate planning bodies.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
Objective 2.2: Facilitate iterative process for concurrent development and integration of regional plans, basin plans, and conservation strategy in cooperation with local agencies and DWR.	Strategy 2.2.1: Utilize the coordinating committee to facilitate effective communication and coordination.	1. Continue to connect with all stakeholders and bring relevant information and issues to coordinating committee.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Continue to support the coordinating committee with appropriate internal and external expertise.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 2.2.2: Convene partnering agencies to provide regular updates to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.	1. Continue to invite DWR, USACE, and other agencies to provide updates at Board meetings or coordinating committee meetings.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
	Strategy 2.2.3: Ensure regional plans meet timetable required for the 2017 plan update.	1. Continue to integrate regional flood planning efforts with conservation strategy and basin-wide feasibility study teams.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Assign specific staff and board members to regional planning processes.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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Goal 3: Provide Leadership in Optimizing Flood Protection Planning, Management and Operations

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
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).	Strategy 3.1.1: Provide a forum for redefining the future roles and responsibilities of federal, state and local flood protection agencies.	1. Play a leadership role in the forum established by DWR to redefine roles and responsibilities.	Jay, Bill		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Join the efforts to assure that Central Valley concerns over flood insurance program are addressed.	Jay, Bill		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 3.1.2: Assure the Flood Protection Board is engaged early on in the planning activities of DWR, USACE, and other relevant agencies.	1. Provide support to assure Board members are prepared and engaged in appropriate planning forums and meetings.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 3.1.3: Examine the State's internal planning and operating processes and recommend potential changes.	1. Work with federal and state agencies to assure Board can provide input into proposed projects during planning phases.	Jay		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
Objective 3.2: Assure high levels of performance by our organization.	Strategy 3.2.1: Analyze staffing needs and recommend changes.	1. Based on Action Plan, analyze staffing needs and determine additional capacity needed.	Jay	Jan. 2014	BCP concept paper due March 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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		2. Include actions from Action Plan into staff Appraisal and Development process.	Jay	Jan. 2014	Dec. 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		3. Clarify the requirements of budget process and develop mechanisms for the Board to provide input (e.g. revisit MOA with DWR; implement budget white paper).	Jay (w Bill)	Jan. 2014	March 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 3.2.2: Analyze Board committee structure needs and recommend changes.	1. Implement new committee structure.	Bill (w Jane)	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014; July 2014	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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Goal 4: Develop Broad Public Support for Regional and System-Wide Multi-Benefit Flood Risk Reduction Projects and Programs

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
Objective 4.1: Partner with DWR, USACE, and local and regional agencies to build public support for multi-benefit flood risk reduction projects and programs.	Strategy 4.1.1: Partner with DWR, USACE, and local and regional agencies to build support for additional measures and funding to protect public safety and reduce state liability, including deep flood prone areas.	1. Track relevant planning efforts and provide comment.	Jay	Jan. 2014	Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
	Strategy 4.1.2: Build support for better floodplain management.	1. Continue to review the safety elements of general plans for cities and counties in Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District and report to the planning agency within 60 days, pursuant to AB 162.	Eric		Ongoing	Can be accomplished with existing resources.
		2. Review general plan amendments for cities and counties in Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to incorporate CVFPP requirements, pursuant to SB 1278.	Ali	2014	Ongoing	For both these actions, initial assignments will be given to pending hires; staff will then evaluate further resources needed.
		3. Review annual "Adequate Progress" reports that local flood management agencies are expected to present to the Board for substantial completion of the required flood protection, pursuant to AB 1965.	Eric	2015	Ongoing	

Objective:	Strategies:	Actions:	Lead:	Start:	End:	Resource analysis:
	Strategy 4.1.3: Ascertain viability of and explore options for the Central Valley Flood Protection Board's Designated Floodway Program.	1. Explore what legal and policy impediments exist, if any, to updating the Designated Floodway Program.	Leslie	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Can be accomplished with existing resources.

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