

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
September 25, 2015

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A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on September 25, 2015, beginning at 9:02 a.m. in The Sacramento City Hall First Floor Council Chambers, 915 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Board Members present:

Mr. William H. (Bill) Edgar, President
Ms. Emma Suarez, Vice President
Ms. Jane Dolan, Secretary
Mr. Joe Countryman
Mr. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Tim Ramirez
Mr. Mike Villines

Board staff present:

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer
Mr. Len Marino, Chief Engineer
Mr. Eric Butler, Chief, Planning and Environmental Branch
Ms. Mitra Emami, Chief, Operations Branch
Mr. Michael Wright, Chief, Enforcement Section
Ms. Amber Woertink, Board Analyst
Ms. Nicole Rinke, Board Counsel

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Mike Mierzwa, Chief, Central Valley Flood Planning Office
Mr. Keith Swanson, Chief, Flood Maintenance Office
Mr. John Paasch, Chief, Flood Operations Branch
Ms. Delia McGrath, Chief, Response and Security Section
Mr. Kyle Bickler, DWR
Ms. Pat Clark, DWR/FOC
Mr. Rupa Somavarpur, DWR
Mr. Bob Scarborough, DWR/FPO
Mr. Ajala Ali, DWR/FPO

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present (continued):

Mr. Eric Martinez, DWR/FPO
Mr. Brian Smith, DWR/DFM
Ms. Terri Gaines, DWR/FESSRO
Mr. Eric Koch, DWR
Mr. Michael Sabbaugh, DWR
Mr. Greg Farley, DWR
Ms. Simar Dhanota, DWR/FPO

Also Present:

Mr. Christopher H. Neudeck, USACE
Mr. Gilbert Cosio, MBK Engineers
Mr. Ali Porbaha, USACE
Mr. John A. Bassett, SAFCA
Ms. Ilene Wellman-Baree, CVFPB
Mr. Mike Massaro, MWH

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Amber Woertink, Board Analyst, called the roll, all members are present and a quorum was achieved.

Mr. Bill Edgar, Board President, reported that the Board had unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Leslie Gallagher as Board Executive Officer. She becomes the first woman and first non-engineer to occupy the position in the 104-year existence of the Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 24, 2015 Board Meeting

*Upon **motion** by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the July 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes.*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Executive Officer Gallagher stated that Item 4B is referenced in the Agenda as a resolution but is in fact a permit—this was simply a clerical error. Also, there will be no Closed Session.

*Upon **motion** by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda as referenced above.*

4. CONSENT

A. Permit No. 19013, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)

Consider approval of Permit No. 19013 to construct the Florin Creek Multi-Use Basin in Florin Creek Park. Work includes the excavation of the park; installation of drainage, landscaping lighting and habitual features; completion of park grading and frontage improvements at Orange Avenue. (Sacramento County)

B. Permit No. 19023, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Consider approval of *Permit No. 19023 to horizontally directional drill two parallel pipelines under Morrison Creek. (Sacramento County)

(*As mentioned previously in Agenda Item 3.)

C. Permit No. 19038, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)

Consider approval of Permit No. 19038 to remove and replace a culvert beginning 80 feet east of the Northgate Boulevard Bridge and extending 110 feet south under the American River bike trail, to place riprap; reconstruct a portion of the American River Bike Trail; re-grade the invert of an existing riparian basin, revegetate with native grasses, and plant replacement trees and shrubs along the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal. (Sacramento County)

D. American River Common Features–Natomas Basin Design Agreement and Local Design Agreement Amendment No. 3

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2015-14 to:

1. Approve Design Agreement Amendment No. 3 with the USACE and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to increase total project cost to the Design Agreement with USACE and SAFCA. This will increase the scope of design and the funds available for design due to additional federal funds from the President’s budget. The increased cost will be used to award task orders to continue design of Reach I and H, start design for Reach A, Reach B Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP) gaps and to prepare Reach I and Reach H for construction award;

2. Approve the Local Design Agreement Amendment No. 3 with SAFCA for the project to reflect the changes to the Design Agreement; and clarify the cost increases of the Design Agreement indicating the state and local share; and

3. Delegate to the Board President the authority to sign the Agreement Amendments.

**E. American River Common Features–General Reevaluation Report
Amendment No. 1**

Consider approval of Resolution No. 2015-15 to:

- 1. Approve Feasibility Cost Share Agreement Amendment No. 1 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to increase total project cost to the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement with USACE. This will increase the scope of design and the funds available for design due to additional federal funds from the President’s budget. The increased cost is for the additional National Economic Development Plan and Locally Preferred Plan Cost evaluation necessary under USACE planning process; and**
- 2. Delegate to the Board President the authority to sign the Agreement Amendment.**

Board Member Countryman recused himself from all Items except 4B.

*Upon **motion** by Vice President Suarez, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board approved Items 4A, 4C, 4D, and 4E by a vote of 6-0 (recused-Countryman); and unanimously approved Item 4B.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

6. FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Board and DWR staff will present information on this year’s flood preparedness activities, a historical flood perspective, and the DWR Annual Pre-season Flood Preparedness Report, and will present a Flood Preparedness Resolution for Board adoption, declaring the week of October 19-24, 2015 to be Flood Preparedness Week.

Mr. Darren Suen, DWR FloodSAFE Communications Lead, presented the information on this year’s flood preparedness activities and asked the Board to adopt the Resolution.

*Upon **motion** by Secretary Dolan, seconded by President Edgar, the Board unanimously adopted the Flood Preparedness Resolution.*

Mr. John Paasch, DWR Flood Operations Branch Chief, briefed the Board on the preparations that the DWR Flood Operations Branch and Flood Operations Center are making in preparation for the upcoming flood season. He and Ms. Pat Clark, DWR Program Analyst, answered Board Member questions.

7. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER (USACE) BRIEFINGS

A. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Levee Inspection Results (Ryan Larson)

- 1. RD 2031 – Elliot (Stanislaus County)**
- 2. RD 2062 and RD 2107 – Stewart Tract (San Joaquin County)**
- 3. RD 0001 and 2089 – Union Island (San Joaquin County)**
- 4. RD 0524 and 0544 – Roberts Island (San Joaquin County)**

Mr. Ryan Larson, USACE, presented the inspection results and answered Board Member questions. All 4 levee systems were rated unacceptable and inactive in the Rehabilitation Program.

Mr. Gilbert Cosio, MBK Engineers and representing RDs 2062 and 2107, noted that the RDs will continue to work with the process and hopefully make all necessary repairs within the next two years.

Mr. Chris Neudeck, USACE, spoke about some of the technicalities of the repair schemes. He and Mr. Michael Wright, Board Enforcement Section Chief, added additional clarifications.

8. BOARD STAFF INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Chief Engineer’s Report

Mr. Len Marino, Board Chief Engineer, answered questions about elements of the report.

9. DWR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Keith Swanson, DWR Flood Maintenance Office Chief, made some introductory comments. Highlights included:

- He welcomed new Executive Officer Gallagher.
- In another key personnel move, Art Hinojosa was promoted to a CEA position to head DWR’s regional and local assistance offices.
- Progress continues on the Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report. Next, the state and federal agencies will be participating in a planning meeting.
- One of the incident command teams worked with personnel from the Sutter Maintenance Yard and constructed a low-water crossing on Cache Creek to support the Jerusalem fires.

- A Mission Task was received to provide engineering support for CalFire-led burn assessments on the watersheds.
- Regarding the Folsom Dam raise: DWR is waiting for more information about state participation in the project and will bring the new information to the Board once there is a clear understanding of what the project is and what the project costs will be.

A. 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Updates

1. Regional Flood Management Planning Update

Mr. Michael Mierzwa, DWR Central Valley Flood Planning Office Chief, provided the updates. He and Ms. Terri Gaines, DWR, answered Board Member questions.

B. Small Community Flood Risk Reduction Program Update

Mr. Greg Farley, DWR Senior Supervising Engineer, gave the presentation on the release and process to approve the Guidelines for Proposals for Small Communities Feasibility Study..

C. Folsom Dam Raise Project Briefing - *Postponed*

10. CLOSED SESSION - *None*

11. CLOSED SESSION REPORT - *None*

12. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Approve staff recommendations and adopt CVFPB Consultation Guidance for use in collaborating with and providing comments to the Delta Stewardship Council to determine priorities for state investments in levee operation, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta, including both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and non-project levees pursuant to Water Code §85306.

Board Members and staff deliberated on potential additional information the guidance document may need.

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Vice President Suarez, the Board unanimously adopted the Consultation Guidance document for use by staff and liaison Board Members as they enter into discussion with the Delta Stewardship Council, and recognized that, as the Board learns more and becomes more seriously involved with the process, the current comments and guidance may change. The vote was 6-0 (abstained-Macdonald).

B. Staff update on the Central Valley Flood Protection Board Financing Plan requested by the Senate Budget Subcommittee.

Executive Officer Gallagher gave the update. Secretary Dolan remarked that the formal Financing Plan is still very much in the information-gathering stage. There is not yet a document.

13. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Member Ramirez commented that the State of the Estuary Conference was recently held in the Bay Area. During the conference, Mr. Zeke Grader received the Jean Auer Award. There is a great video online that details that portion of the event.

President Edgar commented that he, Board Member MacDonald and Executive Officer Gallagher continue work with the City of Sacramento regarding issues associated with the levees in the areas known as the Pocket.

14. UPCOMING MEETING AGENDA(S) AND TOPICS FOR THE BOARD

The Board discussed potential future agenda items and workshops.

15. ADJOURN-REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 12:40 p.m.

Dated: _____

The foregoing Minutes were approved:

Jane Dolan
Secretary

William H. Edgar
President