

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
October 23, 2015

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Sacramento River GRR
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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report (Previously called the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, California Phase III General Reevaluation Report) was initiated after the Central Valley Flood Protection Board approved the Feasibility Cost Share Agreement at the February 2015 Board Meeting. The Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report (Sac River GRR) will utilize U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 3x3x3 Smart Planning guidelines. The current authority for the Study allows for erosion protection to levee, berms and construction of setback levees. USACE will be seeking to expand the existing authority, some of the actions to be included are; erosion protection to maintain levee integrity from underseepage and slope stability, environmental enhancement, reduction of erosion potential through bypass widening.

The Sac River GRR will assess opportunities to restore ecosystem function along the Sacramento River and improve flood risk reduction capabilities of the flood conveyance system originally constructed in 1917. Due to the large geographic extent of the system and the technical, physical, biological, and social complexities associated with it, the Sac River GRR will focus in the Lower Sacramento River Basin, from Knights Landing to Sherman Island in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Current Status

1. Completed the 4-day Planning Scoping Charrette, October 1, 2015
 - a. Main decisions from the Charrette
 - i. The study will focus on flood risk management and ecosystem restoration with potential incidental water supply and recreation
 - ii. Focus on plan formulation in Knights Landing south to the end of the Federal project in Sherman Island. Primary reasons to focus the study area to this area includes:
 1. Scope needs to be limited to be compliant with USACE 3x3x3 policy of having the study completed within three years
 2. There is better local support in these areas to move forward with projects
 3. Alignment with State efforts and early implementation plans

- iii. Changes or modifications to the Sacramento River Flood Control Project may include updates or revisions to the O&M manuals in affected areas.

Next Steps

1. NEPA/CEQA Public Scoping Meetings
 - a. Nov. 3rd 2015 3-7pm at the City of West Sacramento, 1110 W. Capital Ave., West Sacramento, CA
 - b. Nov. 5th 2015 3-7pm at Rio Vista City Hall One Main St., Rio Vista, CA
2. Alternatives Milestone #1 (January 2015)
3. Tentatively Selected Plan Milestone #2 (November 2016)