

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
March 27, 2015

NOTE: THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER TIMED ITEMS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LISTED TIME, BUT NOT BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED. UNTIMED ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY ORDER. THESE MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER, BUT ITEMS WERE NOT NECESSARILY HEARD IN THAT ORDER.

A regular meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board was held on March 27, 2015, beginning at 9:08 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. Clyde Macdonald
Mr. Tim Ramirez
Mr. Mike Villines

Board member absent:

Mr. Joe Countryman

Board staff present:

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

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff present:

Mr. Mark List, Chief, Maintenance Support Branch
Mr. Michael Mierzwa, Chief, Central Valley Flood Planning Office
Mr. Ricardo Pineda, Chief, Floodplain Risk Management Branch
Mr. Darren Suen, FloodSAFE Communications Lead
Mr. Keith Swanson, Chief, Division of Flood Management

Also Present:

Mr. Gilbert Cosio, MBK Engineers
Mr. Tom Hester, Reclamation District 501
Mr. Tim Kerr, American River Flood Control District

Also Present (continued):

Ms. Kim Leonard, United States Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Christopher Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck
Ms. Nicole Suard, Snug Harbor Resorts, LLC

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Amber Woertink, Board Analyst, called the roll and a quorum was achieved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 23, 2015

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member MacDonald, the Board unanimously approved the January 23, 2015 Minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Leslie Gallagher, Acting Executive Officer, stated that Board staff and the Item 4B Applicant have both requested that Item 4B be removed from this Agenda.

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

4. CONSENT

A. Permit No. 18952, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Consider approval of Permit No. 18952 to authorize the placement of rock stockpiles, helicopter pad, k-rail fencing, all weather surface road and access ramp to expedite flood mobilization within the Delta, west of the Sacramento River and south (landside) of the Mellin levee. (Solano County)

B. Permit No. 19003, Port of Stockton - *REMOVED*

Consider approval of Permit No. 19003 to replace the existing Navy Drive Bridge (bridge no. 29C-0023) across the San Joaquin River, with abutments; placement of rock slope protection and temporary coffer dams. (San Joaquin County)

C. Permit No. 19005, Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)

Consider approval of Permit No. 19005 to create aquatic and riparian habitat at River Mile 0.5 of the American River. The project entails excavating, grading, lowering and re-shaping, of an approximately 4.3-acre portion of the American River floodplain, east of Discovery Park, and planting of the area with riparian vegetation. (Sacramento County)

Upon motion by Secretary Dolan, seconded by Board Member Macdonald, the Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar Items 4A and 4C.

Mr. Len Marino, Board Chief Engineer, introduced new Board staff members Natasha Nelson and Tom O'Neil.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Nicole Suard, Snug Harbor Resorts, LLC, commented on the proposed barriers across Steamboat Slough and Sutter Slough.

6. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) BRIEFING

A. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Levee

Inspections Results

- 1. RD 150 - Merrit Island (Yolo County)**
- 2. RD 501 - Ryer Island (Solano County)**
- 3. RD 341 - Sherman Island (Sacramento County)**

Ms. Kim Leonard, USACE, briefed the Board and answered Board Member questions. She noted that all three inspections resulted in unacceptable ratings.

Mr. Gilbert Cosio, MBK Engineers; Mr. Chris Neudeck, Kjeldsen, Sinnock, and Neudeck; and Mr. Tom Hester, RD 501 Board President for Ryer Island, clarified some of the issues involved in their RDs and answered Board Member questions.

7. REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

Mr. Keith Swanson, DWR Division of Flood Management (DFM) Chief, provided a brief overview of DWR activities and answered Board Member questions. Highlights included:

- DWR new personnel--Ms. Mary Jimenez has been promoted to Supervising Engineer. She fills the position previously held by Mr. Todd Bernardy, who has moved over to DWR's Yolo Bypass Implementation efforts.
- The drought situation remains extremely bleak. The San Joaquin five-station index sits at 13.6 inches of rain, lower than the previous 1924 all-time low. The two Larry six-station index is at 10.3 inches, which is slightly less than what was experienced during the 1970s droughts.
- The snowpack remains abysmal. It is currently at 9% of statewide average, which is far below the previous 1977 low of 25%. This is really significant on a statewide basis, especially to agriculture.
- Budget discussions are ongoing.
- The Levee Evaluation Program will be closing out next month.
- The American River Common Features GRR are was released on 20 March. The Lower San Joaquin Feasibility Study was released on February 27. Workshops are upcoming for both.
- The deadline for comments on the new national flood plain policy EO 13690 was extended to May 6. DWR's George Qualley continues his policy work on behalf of DWR and the Board, and has been coordinating with Board staff, the Central Valley Flood Control Association, SAFCA, and the national coalition.

A. 2017 Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update

Mr. Michael Mierzwa, DWR Central Valley Flood Planning Office Chief, provided the Update and answered Board Member questions.

1. CVFPP Engagement Approach and Update

Mr. Darren Suen, DWR FloodSAFE Communications Lead, gave the Update, which contained an overview of the communications and engagement activities for the Plan, and answered Board Member questions.

B. DWR Quarterly Status Report on CVFPB Resolution No. 2012-25

Mr. Ricardo Pineda, DWR Floodplain Risk Management Branch Chief, provided the Report and responded to Board Member questions.

8. CLOSED SESSION

- A. To discuss personnel matters related to the Board's position of Executive Officer pursuant to Govt. Code Section 11126(a)(1).
- B. To discuss litigation (*Hardesty et. al. v. Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District et. al*; United States District Court, Eastern District of California - Sacramento Division Case No. 2:10-cv-02414-GEB-JFM) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).
- C. To discuss litigation (*Central Valley Flood Protection Board v. Lino Catabran*, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-142003) pursuant to Govt. Code section 11126(e)(1).
- D. Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(1), (e)(2)(B)(i), and (e)(2)(C)(i), the Board will meet in Closed Session to consider potential litigation involving the Board.

9. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT - *None***

10. **INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

A. **Enforcement Pilot Program Update**

Mr. Michael Wright, Board Enforcement Section Chief, provided the Update and answered Board Member questions.

Mr. Mark List, DWR Maintenance Support Branch Chief; and Mr. Tim Kerr, American River Flood Control District General Manager, commented on aspects of the program, including their appreciation for the new SB 753 enforcement legislation, which has proven to be helpful in their efforts.

B. **Strategic Plan/Action Plan 2014 Update**

Mr. Len Marino, Board Chief Engineer, provided the update and answered Board Member questions.

11. **BOARD COMMENTS AND TASK LEADER REPORTS - *NONE***

12. **FUTURE AGENDA**

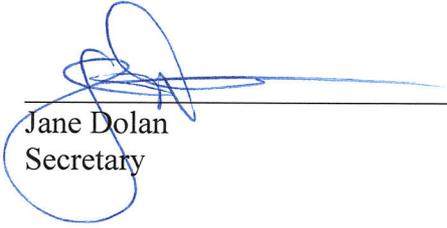
The Board discussed potential future Agenda topics.

13. **ADJOURN-REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

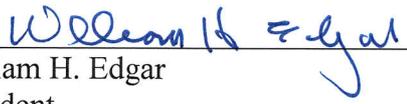
The Board unanimously adjourned the Open Session at 12:06 p.m.

Dated: 6-26-2015

The foregoing Minutes were approved:



Jane Dolan
Secretary



William H. Edgar
President