

**Meeting of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board
January 22, 2016**

SACRAMENTO RIVER GENERAL REEVALUATION REPORT

BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

The Sacramento River General Reevaluation Report (Sac River GRR, previously 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 Sac River GRR will utilize U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 3x3x3 Smart Planning guidelines. The current federal study authority allows for erosion protection to levees, berms and construction of setback levees. USACE will be seeking to expand the existing authority and some of the included actions are; erosion protection to maintain levee integrity from underseepage and slope stability, ecosystem restoration, and reduction of erosion potential through bypass widening.

The Sac River GRR will assess opportunities to restore ecosystem function along the Sacramento River and to 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 associated technical, physical, biological, and social complexities, the Sac River GRR is initially focusing on the Lower Sacramento River Basin from Knights Landing in Yolo County to Sherman Island in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Current Status

1. Completed the 4-day Planning Scoping Charrette, October 1, 2015
2. Completed NEPA/CEQA Public Scoping Meetings, November 3 & 9, 2015
 - a. Comments received and being considered
3. Alternatives Milestone #1 (In-Progress)
 - a. Problems, Opportunities, Objectives and Constraints (POOCs)
 - b. Measures, Formulations and Screening
 - c. Future Without Project Conditions
 - d. Formulating Initial Alternatives:
 - i. Flood Risk Management (FRM)
 - ii. Ecosystem Restoration (ER)
 - i. Combined FRM and ER.
 - e. Screen and Identify Focused Array of Alternatives
 - f. Submit Briefing Package to USACE HQ (early February 2016)

Next Steps

- Alternatives Milestone #1 (March/April 2016)
- Tentatively Selected Plan Milestone #2 (February 2017)

