

## Flood Management Working Group Meeting #5

### MEETING NOTES

April 26, 2016

**Location:**

Sutter Wastewater Treatment Plant  
1221 Sutter Avenue  
Modesto, CA

10:00am – 12:00pm

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### 2. Update on RFMP Activities

- a. Update on 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP):
    - i. Some projects identified in the RFMP have been screened out by DWR because they were not located within the State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities or the projects were not consistent with the CVFPP; the Mid SJR RFMP team went back to DWR with questions on some of the projects that were screened out but were arguably relevant to the SPFC.
  - b. Flood System Repair Project (FSRP): near-term actions of CVFPP
    - i. 13 districts sent in letters of interest under this program – six districts are under contract for repairs worth \$18.3 million
    - ii. \$16.4 million was the State's cost share
    - iii. Three projects have been completed, representing 20 percent under the original estimate (a cost savings of \$700,000)
    - iv. FSRP is working well for the State
    - v. The Mid SJ Region has gotten much better participation than the area from Firebaugh to Stockton, or the Lower San Joaquin Levee Districts (RD 2091, 2085, 2058, 2063), and Madera County
    - vi. Half of the grant money is left - new proposals from the RDs will be prioritized, if applicable, depending on the flood risk.
    - vii. FSRP is focused on erosion and seepage
    - viii. No application process; it is a collaborative process between DWR and the district
    - ix. Send DWR a LOI if you want to participate in the FSRP
    - x. There's no competition, as DWR has already determined eligibility
  - c. 200-year floodplain mapping of communities in the Lower SJR Region has been done by PBI
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### **3. Updates on Basinwide Feasibility Study**

- a. DWR staff will brief the public on May 13<sup>th</sup> and present the Basinwide Feasibility Study (BWFS) at the San Luis Wildlife Refuge
  - i. Looking at different collections of projects.
  - ii. DWR will be recommending a plan; there will be a public meeting so people can weigh in on perhaps \$160 million worth of improvements in the San Joaquin Valley over the next 50 years, which includes some of the projects identified in the Mid SJR RFMP.

### **4. 2017 Fiscal Year Priorities**

- a. Participants were asked what their priorities were for the 2017 Fiscal Year, and they suggested the following:
  - i. Demonstration of grouting process for filling rodent holes
  - ii. Field visit to see where floods begin and how it flows into reservoirs, etc. to gain a better understanding of how water flows so that everyone understands where there are opportunities for capturing flows.
  - iii. More field visits.
  - iv. Funding Updates.
  - v. More community outreach.
  - vi. Presentations on projects.
  - vii. Flood Risk Education Outreach.
  - viii. More meetings with Lower and Upper SJ RFMP groups, and other outside outreach

### **5. Sutter Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**

- a. Wastewater is currently used to irrigate 2,500 acres of ranch land (the majority of water from July 4 to October comes from the cannery).
  - b. Under the proposed project, the City would collect Stormwater at the plant as well as pumping water from river flood flows to put into the existing wastewater ponds to use for irrigation at the ranch during the irrigation season, October to June.
  - c. When the Sutter Wastewater Treatment Plant (Sutter WWTP) abandons sludge/drying beds, a lot of land is left. This could be incorporated into Tuolumne River Regional Park.
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- d. Sutter WWTP is surrounded by a disadvantaged community (DAC), which could make it advantageous for competitive state grant programs.
- e. The stakeholders went on a site visit of the Sutter Wastewater Treatment Plant.