Guiding the Regional Flood Planning Process

The 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan reflects the State’s systemwide investment approach for flood management improvements in the Central Valley “SSIA”
Purpose of Regional Planning Process

- Build upon the 2012 CVFPP
- Engage local agencies in Central Valley flood management planning and implementation
- Gather detailed regional information for projects’ feasibility, evaluation and implementation
- Develop local flood management strategies and priorities
- Create a financial plan for future projects
Nine Levee Flood Protection Zones (LFPZ) make up the Nine Flood Planning Regions in the Central Valley.
Regional Flood Planning Deliverables

- **Regional Flood Atlas** (current conditions)
  - Region’s history, land use, floodplain maps, flood hazards, levees and structures, LMAs and JPAs, emergency readiness, and work in progress

- **Regional Flood Plan**
  - Prioritized list of local projects, emergency response, and operation and maintenance strategies

- **Regional Financial Plan**
  - Proposed funding strategy for next 5 years, including Local, State and federal funds
What will Regional Plans Contain?

- List of participating agencies
- List of regional needs and priorities
- List of regional projects
- Criteria applied to rank the proposed projects
- Potential sources of financing
- Residual risk management strategies, including:
  - O&M strategies for the region,
  - Enhanced emergency response, and
  - Land use priorities and environmental restoration
• Use a risk-based approach
• Multi-benefits projects
• An integrated flood management approach
• Level and sources of non-State funding for proposed projects
• A system-wide approach to flood management
• Consideration of disadvantaged communities, and tribal and environmental justice
• Consideration of projects costs and benefits
The Key Regional Partners will be responsible for:

- Conducting Regional Planning Workshops
- Preparing all aspects of the Regional Plan including needs and priorities
- Engaging all interested parties in the planning process
- Communicating with other regional entities
- Briefing the Central Valley Flood Protection Board
DWR Contributions to Planning Process

- DWR to help regional partners establish planning process
- DWR to make available existing technical information
- DWR to provide guidance and facilitation to help regional partners to succeed
- DWR to establish a grant program to financially assist local partners in plan development
Regional Planning Directed Funding

• Financial assistance is available to local public agencies preparing the Regional Plan
• One public agency within each region that will take lead in preparing the Plan
• Funding Recipient may sub-contract with other local public agencies or technical consultants
• Funding Recipient will be required to develop a scope of work, schedule, and budget
Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed to lead the RFMP and represent regional interests

JPA consists of:

- Lower San Joaquin Levee District
- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
- County of Merced (auditor/controller services)
Regional Characteristics

- Includes areas in Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties
- 421,400 acres of land protected by State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities
- Predominately rural agricultural region
- Cities of Dos Palos, Los Banos, Mendota, and Firebaugh
- A separate area of SPFC facilities protects a portion of the City of Merced
Lower San Joaquin River Flood Control Project

- Contains the majority of the SPFC facilities in the region
- Constructed between 1959 and 1967
- Maintained and operated by the Lower San Joaquin Levee District (LSJLD)
- LSJLD was created in 1955 and is funded by property assessments on lands within the District boundaries.
Other Flood Control Related Agencies

Major flood control facilities are maintained by:

• Madera County Flood Control and Water Conservation Agency
• Merced County Stream Group
• Merced Irrigation District
• San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
• Cities and water purveyors also maintain local drainage facilities
Participating Stakeholders

- American Rivers
- Chowchilla Water District
- Central California Irrigation District
- Chowchilla Water District
- City of Chowchilla
- City of Firebaugh
- City of Mendota
- City of Merced
- Columbia Canal Company
- CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Gravelly Ford Water District
- Eastside Acres
- Fresno County
- Fresno County Farm Bureau
- Fresno County OES
- Fresno Slough Water District
- Friant Water Authority
- Grasslands Water District
- James Irrigation District
- Kings River Conservation District
- Lower San Joaquin Levee District
- Madera County
- Madera County Farm Bureau
- Madera County OES
- Madera Irrigation District
- Merced County
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- Merced Irrigation District
- National Marine Fisheries Agency
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Reclamation District 1606
- Reclamation District 2092
- Rural County Representatives of California
- San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority
- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
- San Joaquin River Restoration Program
- Tranquility Irrigation District
- Trout Unlimited
- The Nature Conservancy
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Root Creek Water District
- City of Los Banos
- City of Dos Palos
# Regional Flood Management Plan Schedule

## Draft - Upper San Joaquin River Region Flood Management Plan Schedule

### May 8, 2013

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Workshop Schedule

RFMP Workshops (10)

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The Region’s plan will outline the long-term vision for flood risk reduction in the region and include, among other things:

- description of the current flood management conditions.
- opportunities for improving flood management while achieving multiple objectives (flood protection, agricultural conservation, water quality and habitat restoration, for example).
- needed projects based upon priority.
- preliminary financing plans.
Overall Planning Process

- Upper SJ RFMP
- Mid SJ RFMP
- Lower SJ RFMP

San Joaquin Basinwide Plan

Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

State Systemwide Investment Approach & Priorities
Communication and Collaboration Process

• Primary contact mechanism website: http://www.usjrflood.org

• Meeting materials available online
  1 week preceding workshop

• RFMP Section Reviews
  – 2 week review timeframe
  – Information available online
    1 week before workshop
  – Comment submittal due
    1 week after workshop
  – Comments submitted using
    form available online
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