

# Mid San Joaquin River RFMP Scope Expansion Discussion

Expanding through June 30, 2017

Supports the development of the 2017 CVFPP

Future funding beyond 2017 is uncertain – this is our chance to test out some of our identified improvements and develop strategies to fund them

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Scope of work to be consistent across all regions

- Currently in development:
  - DWR proposed some basic actions to the regions in a planning meeting in June, the RFMP team has developed some ideas, but we want more input from stakeholders
- Scope will be broad, and annual workplans will be specific
- We still need more specific ideas to scope an appropriate budget for the effort

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No construction, only planning-related activities

Eligible activities fall into 8 broad categories  
somewhat matching RFMP chapters

Deadline for input is **15 August 2014**

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### 8 categories for activities:

1. Legacy Encroachment Issues
2. Coordination with DWR studies
3. IRWM and Project Integration
4. Governance
5. Communication and Engagement
6. Institutional Barriers
7. O&M Solutions
8. Emergency Response

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### **1. Legacy Encroachment Issues:**

Correct encroachment issues that have hindered local agency's ability to pass maintenance inspections, and provide a pathway for removal of some legacy encroachments.

Tracking documents (existing permits, drawings and specs of encroachments, and treatment of encroachments in inspection reports) and communicating findings with District staff, encroachment owners, DWR Inspection Staff, USACE Inspection Staff and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board staff.

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### **2. Coordination with DWR Studies:**

Arrange and attend meetings with DWR staff and local stakeholders to exchange information between regional flood management planning activities and the Basin-Wide Feasibility Studies/Conservation Strategy

5 meetings per year in region or Sacramento

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### **3. IRWM and Project Integration:**

Work with IRWM leads to incorporate RFMP projects into the existing IRWM Plans

“multi-benefit overlay” for relevant projects from the RFMP: describe project components that could be added or modified to provide multiple benefits and allow the project to meet eligibility for funding from other non-flood sources including the IRWMs in the region.

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### **4. Governance:**

Evaluate the need and interest levels for the development of a flood work-group, joint levee maintenance agreement or other shared resources to more efficiently maintain levees and respond to floods within the region

Start with quarterly meetings of a flood working group, and re-evaluate as needed...?



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### 5. Communication and Engagement:

Continue regular workshops (every two months?) and briefings as needed

Continue meeting with state and San Joaquin River flood planners

Enhance [www.midsjrfloodplan.org](http://www.midsjrfloodplan.org)

Meetings and site visits to develop project ideas further and coordinate with DWR

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### 6. Institutional Barriers:

Work with local, state and federal agencies to reduce institutional barriers associated with permitting floodway improvements AS WELL AS revising zoning and building permits to reduce flood risk

Demonstrating integrated ecosystem enhancement/levee maintenance approaches that could reduce regulatory conflict and be replicated elsewhere

- Support Patterson, Modesto, and Newman on SB5 compliance projects
- Demonstration project: Permitting of flood management and ecosystem restoration activities
- Demonstration project: Integrated Levee Vegetation Management
- Flood Risk Education program
- RD resilience projects?
- Others?

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### **7. O&M Solutions:**

Explore the potential for consolidation of O&M responsibilities, draft a pilot maintenance agreement, and implement such an agreement if two or more RDs choose to participate.

Once (if) a maintenance agreement has been entered into, monitor the implementation effort, advise the participating RDs on implementation options and strategies, and develop a report assessing the effectiveness of the first two years of the pilot project, lessons learned, and recommendations for the future.

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### 8. Emergency Response:

Develop stronger communication amongst reclamation districts and cities, counties emergency responders, police and sheriff offices through:

- Expansion and maintenance of the regional flood website
- Recruitment of local agency staff to attend ER trainings and workshops (like pre-seasons)
- Development of inter-agency agreements if amenable to multiple parties
- Assist to organize and fund *ER - Debris Management Plan* and *ER - Local Planning and Training*

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**Others?**

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