

Flood Management Working Group Meeting #4

MEETING NOTES

January 14, 2016

Location:

Stanislaus County Ag Center
3800 Cornucopia Way (Harvest Hall)
Modesto, CA

10:00am – 12:00pm

1. Update on RFMP Activities

- a. Key Personnel Changes:
 - i. Maggie Boberg is now the new contact for RD 2092
 - ii. Colt Esenwein will be the new contact for Stanislaus County as of April 1, 2016
 - b. Levee Modification
 - i. How State and Federal agencies can work together to change responsibilities
 - ii. Maybe RDs continue without maintenance to the level they are required to do; or Dos Rios – decommission levees and not be part of the system
 - iii. RD 1602 is looking to leave system
 - c. Nearing the Last Stage for Adding or Modifying Projects
 - i. We are folding revised and added projects into the RFMP
 - ii. RD 1602 has a revised project
 - iii. New project – Grayson Project through Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Grant Fund proposed by Stanislaus County
 - iv. New project – immediately adjacent to Grayson called Stokman Project proposed by River Partners
 1. Stokman Project touches lower part of San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge – multiple benefits by increasing groundwater recharge and providing flood protection benefits to Grayson; River Partners is trying to purchase land
 - v. If you have new or revisions to projects, let us know ASAP
 - d. Binder Review
 - i. Binder contains a summary of all RFMPs
 1. We have reviewed and provided comments on the Summary
 2. We are reviewing projects to make sure they are being accurately portrayed
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- e. Charter
 - i. Small change on the first page releasing liability to those that sign onto the Charter and implement the RFMP
 - ii. Seeking individuals, agencies, and organizations to sign onto the Charter
 - iii. RD 2092 Board will be signing the Charter at the next Board meeting
 - iv. Stanislaus County is in the process of getting Charter signed

2. Stanislaus County Update on Grants

- a. Presented by Mike Teits of Stanislaus County
 - b. The State is looking to manage stormwater from a flooding and groundwater recharge perspective, not just water quality perspective
 - c. Proposition 1 grant funds
 - d. Funding available from 1/19/16-3/4/16 for planning grants to prepare Stormwater Resources Plan
 - e. Stanislaus County is looking to submit an application
 - f. Stanislaus County thinks that we are a good venue (Mid SJR Regional Flood Management Plan Working Group) to engage stakeholders on this initiative; at this time, they are doing grant proposal planning
 - g. Stanislaus County has been talking with City of Modesto about submitting a grant together, but other communities may also be interested in joining
 - h. The primary objective: multiple benefit stormwater management, especially supporting groundwater supply resiliency
 - i. Regional management
 - i. If you want Stormwater grant fund, you may want to look at participating with Stanislaus County
 - ii. Stanislaus County has a briefing sheet that will be sent to Mike to distribute to stakeholders and put on website
 - iii. There are three passes of legislation that have built upon one another for grant
 - iv. \$200 million total allocated in Prop 1 - \$20 million for this planning round with \$500,000 max per grant with a local match requirement
 - j. Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
 - i. The OES has a grant to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and to conduct outreach and train responders
 - ii. Funds not yet received but promised soon
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3. 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Roadmap

- a. Steve Doe of DWR reviewed the roadmap for the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, with a special focus on the integration of RFMP management actions (projects) in Spring 2016.

4. Climate Change and Flood Risk in the SJR Basin

- a. Romain Maendly of DWR gave a presentation on anticipated climate change effects, and the resulting flood risk to the SJR Basin
- b. Drought conditions may occur more frequently, but flood conditions will be more extreme. Example: 76% increase in the 3-day volume of a 100-year flood flow for the SJR at Vernalis in 2070-2099.
- c. It is difficult to plan flood projects with this level of unknowns. Typical approach is to look at how resilient the system will be with a given project under a range of possible conditions.
- d. Make the corridor more flood-able if possible.

5. Next Steps

- a. If we haven't already, RFMP team will be contacting to you to see if you have new or revised projects
 - b. Get Charter Signed
 - c. Our next meeting will be in late April/Early May
 - d. The RFMP Team will send out a save the date, a couple of reminders, and an Outlook invite
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