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Flood Board Schedules Public Meetings on Draft Flood Protection Plan

SACRAMENTO -- The Central Valley Flood Protection Board is holding public meetings in Sacramento this month and next on a draft, valley-wide flood protection plan.

The meetings -- scheduled for March 22-23 and April 5-11 -- are steps in the Board's review of the flood plan submitted to it on December 30 by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Under the Central Valley Flood Protection Act of 2008, the Board is scheduled to adopt the plan by July 1.

March Meetings

On March 22, DWR will brief the Board on technical attachments supporting the draft flood plan. The meeting will be from 1-5 p.m. in the EDD Building, 722 Capitol Mall, ground floor auditorium. The briefing will be available for viewing on the Board's website at <u>http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov/</u> by early afternoon the next day.

On March 23, DWR will detail the recently-released draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for the plan. This meeting will be from 1-4 p.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street.

A link to the DWR documents on the plan and the DPEIR may be found at <u>http://www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp/documents.cfm</u>.

Agendas for the March meetings, as well as information about the April meetings -mandated public hearings -- and the process for submitting public comments on the flood plan, may be found on the Board's website at <u>www.cvfpb.ca.gov</u>.

April Public Outreach Hearings

Public hearings for the flood plan covering Sacramento and San Joaquin valley regions will take place the first two weeks of April. Additionally, to accommodate requests from the public, the Board has scheduled regional meetings in the Sutter/Butte and Yolo/Delta regions the same weeks. The hearings times, dates and locations are as follows:

Thursday, April 5, 2012 - Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DWR will host a poster/question session on the DPEIR from 12-12:45 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 2012 - Yuba County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DWR will host a poster/question session on the DPEIR from 12-12:45 p.m.

Monday, April 9, 2012 - Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, Assembly Room 1, 12101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. DWR will host a poster/question session on the DPEIR from 1-2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 - Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room #206, 625 Court Street, Woodland, 95695 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. DWR will host a poster/question session on the DPEIR from 1-2:45 p.m.

The agendas for the four regional public hearings are being finalized, and will be released at the Board's March 23 meeting.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.