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DWR Delivers Public Draft 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and December 2011 Flood Control System Status Report

SACRAMENTO -- The California Department of Water Resources Central Valley Flood Planning Office has transmitted the *Public Draft 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan* and the *December 2011 Flood Control System Status Report* to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board).

The *Public Draft 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (Public Draft 2012 CVFPP)* recommends a State System-wide Investment Approach for responsibly meeting the State's objectives to improve public safety, ecosystem conditions, and economic sustainability; while recognizing the financial challenges facing local, State and federal government agencies.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) will provide a public presentation on these documents during the Board's January 27, 2012 meeting. During this meeting, the Board will announce the adoption schedule, the process for document review, and protocols for receiving public and agency comments. The Board meets again on February 24th, when the public will be invited to make recommendations for where the Board should focus its review of the *Public Draft 2012 CVFPP*, prior to adoption.

DWR conducted an extensive public engagement process to inform development of the *Public Draft 2012 CVFPP*. Approximately 450 people representing public agencies, businesses and interest-based organizations participated in the effort. State law requires DWR to prepare the CVFPP to improve the flood management in the areas protected by facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control. The law requires the *Public Draft 2012 CVFPP* be transmitted to the Board no later than January 1, 2012, for the Board's adoption on or about July 1, 2012. The CVFPP must be updated every five years in the future.

The *Public Draft 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan* is available at:

www.water.ca.gov/cvfmf

About FloodSAFE: The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan is a part of FloodSAFE California. The Department of Water Resources launched FloodSAFE in 2006 to address the increasing flood risks throughout California. FloodSAFE is a multi-faceted initiative designed to improve flood management in the State, using a system-wide approach while also carrying out regional projects, and enhancing DWR's core flood management programs already in place. FloodSAFE has five primary goals:

- Reduce the chance of flooding
- Reduce the consequences of flooding
- Sustain economic growth
- Protect and enhance ecosystems
- Promote sustainability of the flood management system

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