



MEETING NOTES

Project Name:	LSJ/DS RFMP	Date:	5/29/13, 9:00 am
Meeting Subject:	RFMP Small Group #1	Project No.:	
Location:	SJAFCA Conference Room 166	Page:	1
Notes by:	Steve Holmstrom / Jesse Patchett		

Attendees: Sign-in sheet attached

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Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the stakeholders to the RFMP and to get information on local-level flood control challenges, needs, and opportunities.

Discussion:

Introductions were made by all attendees and a brief presentation was given by Jesse Patchett (PBI).

Following the presentation, open discussion began. Toward the end of the meeting, Ron Baldwin with PBI was introduced as the Emergency Response lead for the RFMP. Ron distributed an ER handout, and received information from stakeholders on who to follow up with to get information on flood ER needs.

Questions and comments received are noted below:

1. **Comment: The ULDC does not meet USACE Vegetation Requirements.** This is correct. The State and USACE currently differ on acceptable vegetation requirements.
2. **Question: Can we propose a project even if it won't get us 200-yr protection?** Yes. Projects proposed can be anything stakeholders want to reduce flood risk. Projects outside of the region that benefits the area could also be proposed.
3. **Comment: Lathrop & RD 17 want to pursue a local plan for 200-yr protection.** The RD 17 EIP project was discussed, and it was noted this design is currently only for 100-yr flood protection. Additional levee improvements, improvements to Paradise Cut, or upstream storage may need to be considered to provide 200-yr protection to these areas. MBK has the model and previous studies on this effort.
4. **Comment: Improvements to Paradise Cut will need to be communicated to downstream stakeholders in the Delta South region when the RFMP Team meets with them.** Noted. The hydraulic impacts of a Paradise Cut widening project will have impacts downstream. As part of the RFMP effort, input from downstream stakeholders will be solicited on their support for these improvements.
5. **Comment: It is difficult to develop a 200 year plan without knowing what the flood elevations and flood plain maps are.** Correct. DWR anticipates releasing 200-yr flood plain maps in July 2013.
6. **Question: Will the Locally Preferred Plan from the LSJRFS be to pursue 200-yr improvements?** The LPP is chosen by the sponsor from the project alternatives developed by USACE. If one of these alternatives includes 200-yr protection, SJAFCA may elect to choose that as the LPP.



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7. **General Discussion on SB5, SB 1278, AB 1965, ULDC/ULOP.** It was noted that the requirement for communities to incorporate CVFPP into general plans to July 2015 and zoning ordinances to July 2016. And that the concept of local drainage and shallow flooding areas has been removed.

The issues of what it will take to achieve a 200 year finding, and what constitutes “adequate progress” were discussed.

The issue of what constitutes an urban area was discussed. Rough and Ready Island, RD 403, was a special case discussed during an LSJR-FS meeting. SJAFCA asked for help from DWR – and still awaiting an answer.

It was noted that all RD’s and entities may not have a 200 year plan complete by 2016. In addition all entities may not complete construction of a 200 year plan by 2025 as called for in SB5. It is possible to phase in plans and construction, and to demonstrate adequate progress. However, adequate progress cannot be used to approve development after 2025.

Stakeholders mentioned they would like to develop a draft 200-yr plan of flood protection as part of the RFMP process. Due to DWR funding guidelines, this can be achieved if information on needed improvements is readily available from existing studies, or if these studies are locally funded in parallel to the RFMP effort.

8. **Question: What is some stakeholders do not participate in the RFMP?** It was noted that some RD’s may decide not to participate in the RFMP and refuse to develop 200 year plans. Those areas may need to be covered another lead agency to maintain continuous 200 year coverage without breaks or weak spots in the system.
9. **Question: What about Transitory storage studies done by USBR and DWR.** The State and Reclamation plans for transitory storage were discussed. It was noted that flood control benefits may accrue downstream if this plan is completed. (see the links below for more information)
<http://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/testimony/detail.cfm?RecordID=921> and www.restoresjr.net, and <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/fessro/>.

Action Items:

Consultant Team:

- MBK to summarize existing information on Paradise Cut improvements
- KSN to summarize existing information on RD17 improvements
- PBI to follow up with ER contacts
- PBI to prepare meeting minutes
- PBI to post Small Group Meeting Schedule to SJAFCA website
- PBI to post the presentation on the SJAFCA website
- PBI to discuss Paradise Cut improvements with downstream stakeholders

Stakeholders:

- Get involved in the RFMP by attending small group and monthly TAC meeting, submitting existing information to consultant team, track in-kind labor and expenses and provide to SJAFCA

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