

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FLOOD MANAGEMENT

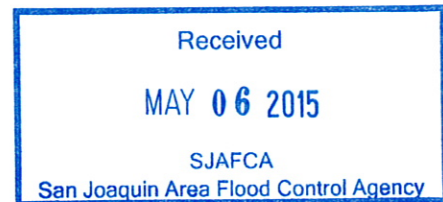
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May 1, 2015

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The Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Response to the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency's (SJAFCAL) Request for a Proposed Schedule Change to the Design and Construction Phases for the Smith Canal Closure Structure Project (Project)

Dear Mr. Giottonini:

DWR received SJAFCAL's March 23, 2015, letter requesting to modify the earlier proposed schedules for the Project's design and construction phases. In accordance with that letter, the Project's Amendment No. 1 will be prepared and processed using the updated December 31, 2016, completion. Additionally, DWR has made note in your recent Urban Flood Risk Reduction (UFRR) grant application that the related Project's construction schedule is now anticipated to begin approximately March 2017, and be completed in December 2018. These completion date changes are critical to show SJAFCAL's ability to utilize available bond funds in the time frame allowed by the legislature.

In response to your inquiry regarding the State's consideration of funding a higher cost alternative that may be identified by the local sponsor during the design and permitting phase, the State would support a preferred alternative that is deemed by DWR to support State interests and is feasible and cost effective. If the local sponsor ultimately prefers to construct a more comprehensive higher cost alternative, they would be responsible to solely fund the amount that exceeded the DWR preferred alternative, similar to the current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Locally Preferred Plan process.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 574-1404 or Robert E. Scarborough at (916) 574-1422 or Robert.Scarborough@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Sabbaghian'.

Michael Sabbaghian, Chief
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