CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

# Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Progress Report

## FloodSAFE VISION

*A sustainable integrated flood management and emergency response system throughout California that improves public safety, protects and enhances environmental and cultural resources, and supports economic growth by reducing the probability of destructive floods, promoting beneficial floodplain processes, and lowering the damages caused by flooding.*

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The *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Progress Report* (Progress Report) has been prepared in response to California Water Code Section 9610(c). This Progress Report describes:

- Scope of the *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan* (CVFPP)
- Anticipated uses of the CVFPP
- Progress to date on development of the first edition of the CVFPP, scheduled for January 1, 2012
- Key topics being addressed
- Next steps in completing the 2012 CVFPP

Prepared by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Progress Report is scheduled to be posted on the Central Valley Flood Protection Board's (Board) Web site (*http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov*) in January 2011.

### 2012 CVFPP Goals

*Primary Goal*

- *Improve Flood Risk Management*

*Supporting Goals*

- *Improve Operations and Maintenance*
- *Promote Ecosystem Functions*
- *Improve Institutional Support*
- *Promote Multi-Benefit Projects*

## 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

Following completion by DWR, the CVFPP is to be provided to the Board for adoption by July 1, 2012. The CVFPP will be updated every 5 years thereafter (in years ending in 7 and 2). As the first edition of this long-term planning document, the 2012 CVFPP will describe a broadly supported plan for improving integrated flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. It is being prepared in coordination with federal, tribal, regional, and local entities and other interested parties, and will guide many subsequent implementation activities.

## Progress-to-Date

Progress-to-date has focused on:

- Identifying regional flood management and related resources problems and opportunities
- Defining planning goals, principles, and objectives
- Formulating management actions to address the planning goals
- Initiating environmental reviews

Major efforts have included the establishment of a comprehensive communication and engagement program to work with partners and interested parties as well as accomplishment of a number of technical analyses. Documentation on efforts to date is available at *http://www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp/documents.cfm.*

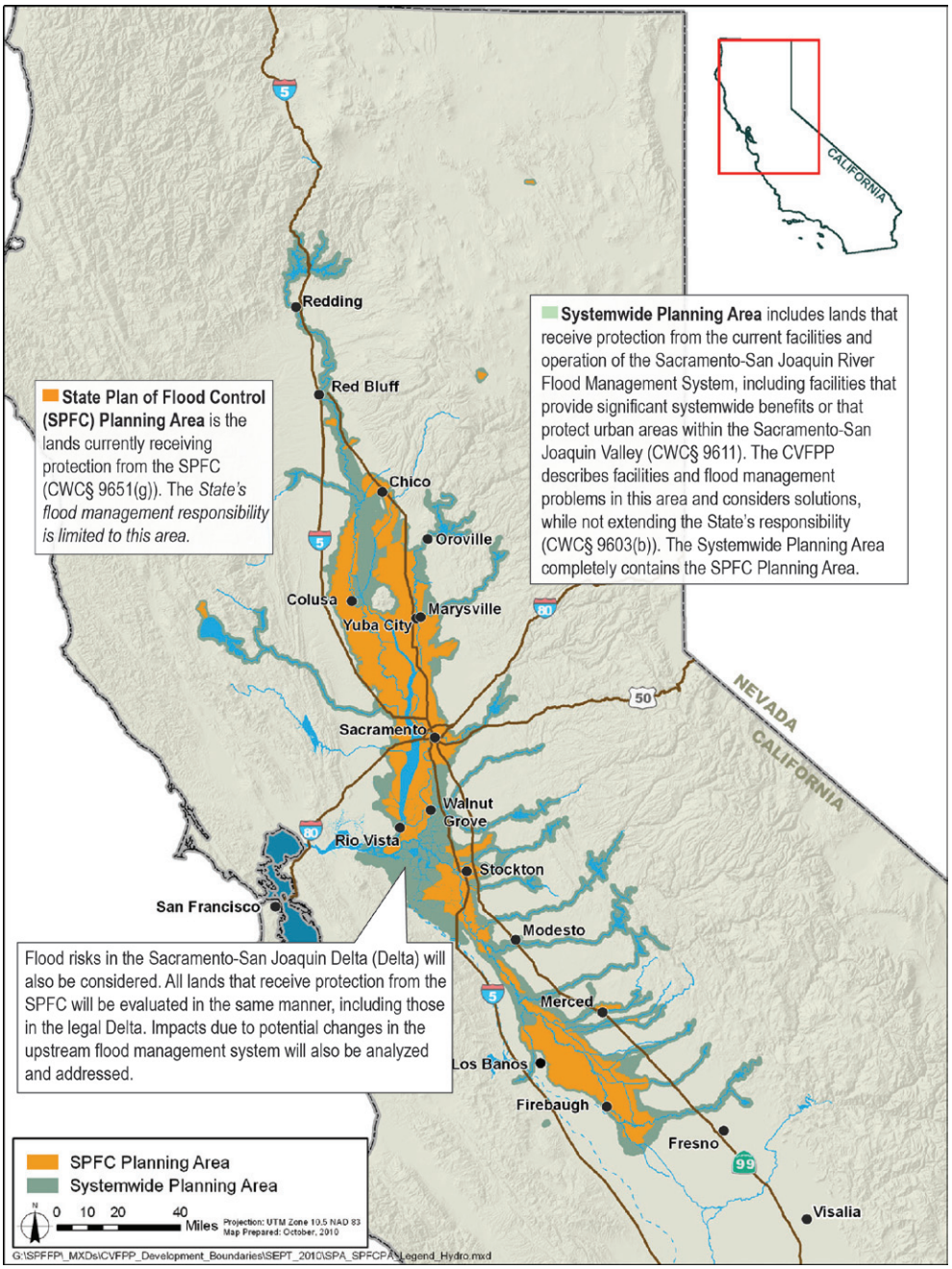
## Development Process and Next Steps

Work is underway on the concluding phase of 2012 CVFPP development, when the focus is on formulating and comparing different combinations of potential actions to achieve CVFPP goals, articulating a preferred set of actions the State of California (State) can pursue, and developing a phased implementation approach for the 2012 CVFPP recommendations.

This approach will consider the sequential implementation phasing of the State's preferred components. Sequential phasing will allow an initial focus on the most urgent flood system needs, provide the time necessary to develop a firm foundation to further develop and implement actions in subsequent phases, and allow for development of a sound funding strategy to pursue future additions to effective flood management in the Central Valley.

DWR will continue to advance and share findings on key topics, including climate change, vegetation management, criteria for providing an urban level of flood protection and guidance for nonurban areas, and financing and revenue. Work is also progressing on other documents and efforts related to the CVFPP, including preparation of the *Flood Control System Status Report*, and development of the Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy. In addition, while completing the 2012 CVFPP, DWR will continue to progress technical tools, analyses, and planning efforts in support of the 2017 CVFPP update.

*Planning Process for 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Development*




*Geographic Scope of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan*