

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURAL STEWARDSHIP SCOPE DEFINITION  
DRAFT SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER**

**A. Introduction**

In support of the completion of the Regional Conditions Summary Report for the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) for 2012, a Joint Subcommittee on Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition has been formed. Organized under the Regional Conditions Work Groups (see Figure 1), the Subcommittee is to identify the agricultural community’s concerns, goals and objectives, and principles for integration into the CVFPP, a product of the Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program. Key topic areas include sustainability of agriculture production, continuation of the farming lifestyle, evaluation of environmental service values provided through agriculture, and contribution to the local, state, national and global food supply.

This charter describes the charge of the Joint Subcommittee on Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition. The Subcommittee is subject to the Regional Conditions Work Group charter and the following:

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**B. Subcommittee Focus**

The Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition Subcommittee will provide input to the following questions:

1. What are the agricultural stewardship challenges within the project area that should be considered by the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan? This should include both expected flood system performance as it relates to agriculture as well as impacts to agriculture resulting from the flood system and its operation and maintenance.
2. What types or categories of opportunities are available to address objectives of this agricultural stewardship approach? How can we best coordinate with other planning efforts and improve upon past efforts?
3. What are the key principles for guiding the development, integration and implementation of agricultural stewardship features of the CVFPP?

4. What are the major goals related to agriculture stewardship that should be included in the CVFPP?
5. What should be measured to demonstrate that the CVFPP successfully integrates and achieves agricultural stewardship goals?

## **C. Charge and Deliverables**

The Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition Subcommittee is being convened to address specific topics or questions. This subcommittee work is bounded by specific timeframes and specific technical or policy questions to be considered. The charge of the Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition Subcommittee is to produce the following products. The resulting written material will inform all relevant work to develop content for the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. The first direct application of the products of the Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition Subcommittee will be in the five Regional Conditions Summary Work Groups. Specific goals related to agricultural stewardship will be developed in the Regional Conditions Summary Work Groups, along with all of the other flood management goals for that region.

1. A description of the major agricultural challenges, categorized into priority groups, that the CVFPP should address. Additional details about the specific existing conditions and future challenges related to agricultural stewardship will be developed and captured in the Regional Conditions Summary Work Groups.
2. A description of major opportunities that the CVFPP should consider for addressing the major challenges, including recommendations for improving upon past efforts and coordinating with current efforts.
3. A list of the key principles for guiding the development, integration and implementation of agricultural stewardship features of the CVFPP
4. A list of the major agricultural goals that should be included in the CVFPP
5. A description of approaches or measures to evaluate CVFPP's effective integration and implementation of agricultural stewardship elements.

## **D. Membership**

Subcommittee members will be sought from all Regional and Topic Work Groups, with emphasis on those representing agricultural interests. Additional interested parties that are not current work group members would be also welcome. However, the Subcommittee will be limited to a maximum of 30 people to allow for facilitated dialogue and interaction. DWR seeks group members who will represent a broad range of interests and perspectives. Other perspectives will be sought based on Subcommittee recommendations and DWR review of Subcommittee composition. All members will be expected to have sufficient knowledge to help develop the desired information outlined in Charter Section B (Subcommittee Focus).

It is expected that the products discussed in Charter Section C (Charge and Deliverables) can be developed with two to three subcommittee meetings. Because of the focused effort, attendance will be essential to ensure the group completes its charter.

## **E. Participants**

Executive Sponsor: Gary Hester

DWR Lead: Dan McManus

Central Valley Flood Planning Office Representative: Michele Ng or Joe Bartlett  
Subcommittee members: See Contact List

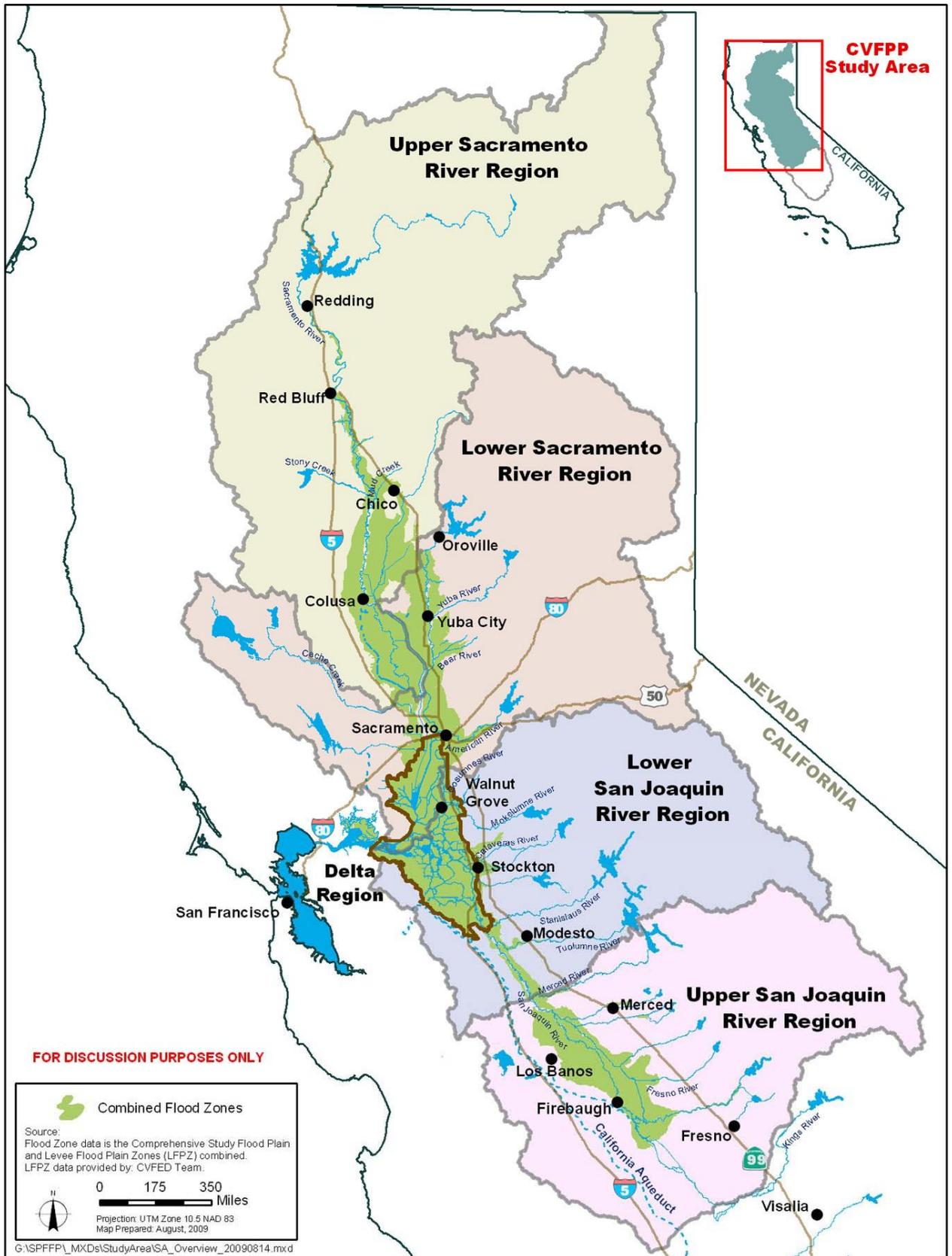
Consulting Agencies: Central Valley Flood Protection Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
California Natural Resources Agency, California Farm Bureau

Other Key Technical Support: DWR has assembled a team consisting of DWR staff above, and  
MWH

Collaboration/Facilitation Team: Craig Moyle and Alexandra Tollette, MWH

## **I. Schedule and Work Plan**

DWR and Work Group operate under specific, legislatively directed time lines. The Joint Subcommittee for Agricultural Stewardship Scope Definition will be convened in October 2009, and is expected to continue through early November 2009, with a total of two to three half-day meetings.



**Figure 1. Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Planning Area**