

# Reader's Guide to the Interim Progress Summary No. 1 and Regional Conditions Report – A Working Document

Various milestone documents and products will be prepared as the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) is developed. The first of these documents are now available to members of the Regional Conditions and Topic Work Groups – the brief **Interim Progress Summary No. 1** (IPS1, formerly the Regional Conditions Summary) and the detailed **Regional Conditions Report – A Working Document** (RCR).

Both documents present the outcomes of Phase 1 of the CVFPP development process (shown in the graphic below): (1) define current and future conditions, (2) identify problems and opportunities, and (3) define goals and objectives. The IPS1 is the first of four summary documents prepared to report progress toward completion of the 2012 CVFPP. The RCR contains more detailed planning and technical information that will eventually reside in various technical reference documents to the 2012 CVFPP and its companion California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance Document.

## Interim Progress Summary No. 1

**Purpose:** A brief, high-level summary of progress-to-date and interim findings.

**Audience:** Agency executive leadership and managers, elected officials, general public.

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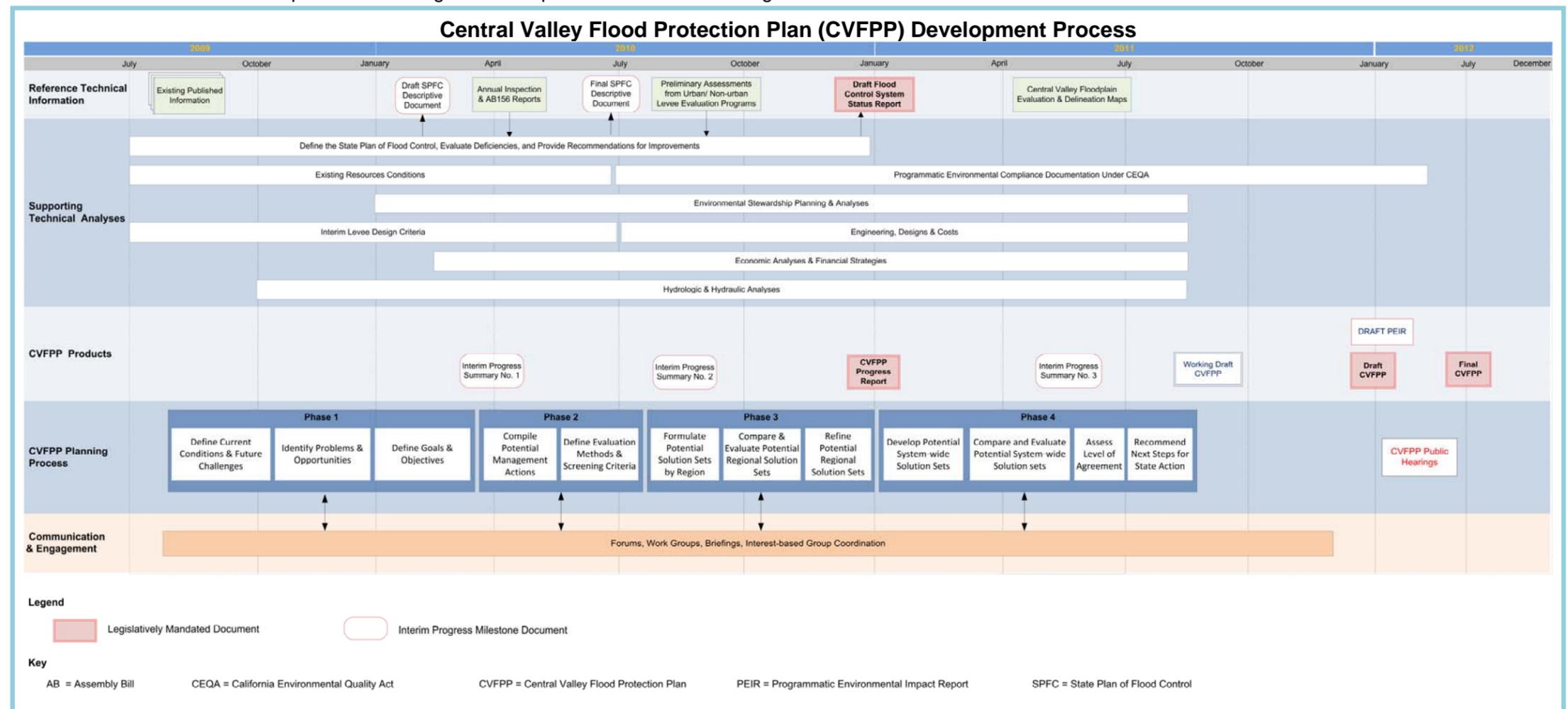
- **Section 1 (Purpose)** introduces the IPS1.
- **Section 2 (Background)** contains information on the authorizing legislation for the CVFPP and its relationship to FloodSAFE California (FloodSAFE), the Central Valley Flood Management Planning (CVFMP) Program, efforts by federal partners, the CVFPP, and the CVFPP planning areas.
- **Section 3 (2012 CVFPP Development Process)** describes the four planning phases for CVFPP development, the various milestone documents and products to be prepared, the comprehensive communication and engagement process being implemented with partners and

interested parties in multiple venues, and future updates of the CVFPP.

- **Section 4 (Interim Findings)** includes summaries of regional conditions, identification of problems and opportunities associated with flood management in the planning areas, draft goals for the CVFPP, draft planning principles to guide CVFPP development and implementation, and initial 2012 CVFPP objectives to be explored and developed further. (Detailed information on these findings is documented in the RCR.) This section also includes an assessment of the level of agreement among participants and areas for continual improvement based on key lessons learned from the initial planning efforts.
- **Section 5 (Next Steps)** describes the next steps in the planning process including the development of individual management

actions to address identified problems and opportunities and contribute to CVFPP goals, and later the formulation of an initial array of “solution sets” using various combinations of the management actions first regionally and then systemwide. For the 2012 CVFPP, these initial solution sets will be very high level. They will undergo further analysis, evaluation, and refinement not only for the 2012 CVFPP but for future updates of the plan as well. This section also includes information on the anticipated upcoming communication and engagement activities as well as how to get involved.

- **Section 6 (Acronyms and Abbreviations)** provides an acronyms and abbreviations list.



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## Regional Conditions Report – A Working Document

**Purpose:** Work-in-progress document that serves as a technical foundation for CVFPP development.

The RCR provides a comprehensive, detailed characterization of the planning setting from which problems are identified, goals are developed, and actions will be formulated for recommendation in the CVFPP. The reader can research existing and likely future conditions in further detail, survey various viewpoints on the multifaceted, flood-related issues facing the Central Valley, and compare the goals, principles, and objectives that will guide future CVFPP development. Information in the RCR will be updated and refined over time, as the CVFPP is developed.

**Audience:** Agency staff, subject-matter experts, those interested in details related to specific topic areas.

### **Content:**

- **Chapter 1 (Introduction)** introduces the RCR and provides background information on FloodSAFE, the CVFMP Program, CVFPP authority and guidance, the development process of the 2012 CVFPP, including a description of the CVFPP planning areas.
- **Chapter 2 (Planning Area Description)** further details the planning areas and characterizes existing and likely future flood management and related resource conditions in the Central Valley, including:
  - Existing physical conditions, infrastructure, biological conditions, social and economic conditions, cultural resources, institutions, and emergency planning, response, and recovery. Conditions were primarily characterized by river basin, but included a variety of geographic scales (regional, river reach, habitat, county, etc.) according to information availability.
  - Likely future conditions, including key drivers and influencing factors, and likely changes in conditions through 2050.
  - Pending projects and programs that might influence flood conditions in the future.
- **Chapter 3 (Problems and Opportunities)** describes flood management-related problems and associated opportunities from the perspectives of State, federal, tribal, regional, local, and other interests. These problems and opportunities provide the common focal point for people to come together and engage in the planning process. A wide range of contributing factors to flood problems were synthesized into five broad categories (1) risks and consequences of flooding, (2) operations and maintenance, (3) ecosystem, (4) policy and institutional, and (5) integrated water management. Summary tables provide a graphical representation of how the contributing factors vary from region to region.
- **Chapter 4 (Goals and Principles)** describes the identified goals and principles for the 2012 CVFPP. These goals provide clarity on how the CVFPP will address the defined problems and opportunities and contribute to the overarching FloodSAFE goals. While goals provide direction on “what” the CVFPP will accomplish, planning principles provide guidance on “how” the

CVFPP will be developed and implemented, consistent with the FloodSAFE guiding principles.

- **Chapter 5 (Initial Draft Objectives)** describes the initial draft objectives for the 2012 CVFPP identified to date. Objectives serve as a means of measuring success in achieving those CVFPP goals over time.
- **Chapter 6 (References)** lists sources referenced in preparation of the document.
- **Chapter 7 (Acronyms and Abbreviations)** provides an acronyms and abbreviations list.
- **Chapter 8 (Glossary)** provides definitions to key terms used in the RCR.
- **Chapter 9 (Acknowledgements)** acknowledges DWR staff, work group participants, and the consultant team.

## Next Steps

Neither the IPS1 nor the RCR will undergo further revision. However, comments will be accepted and addressed in future documents and phases in the 2012 CVFPP development process.

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