



Worksheet 3: Draft Deliverable 1 - Key Topics

Deliverable #1 – Key Topics

Review and update the list of key Topics that affect levee performance and should be covered in the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to create a successful plan. Prioritize the list into 3 levels of importance (essential, important, nice to have).

Key Topics: System Integration Topics	Specific Issue	Level of Importance (Essential, Important, Nice to Have)
Critical non-project levees that protect assets critical to the state are not included		
Levees, channels, structures, and flow are not considered as a part of O&M; there is no system-wide Conservation/Flood Management Planning		
Levees are evaluated individually rather than looking at the entire watershed		
Mitigation is required for specific levee actions; the system does not look at habitat restoration across the entire system		
[Add any other Topics here]		



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Key Topics: Permitting Topics	Specific Issue	Level of Importance (Essential, Important, Nice to Have)
Multiple agencies involved (DWR, DFG, FWS, NMFS, County, etc.) creating costly and time-consuming process		
Permit requirements inconsistent across agencies		
Not always clearly defined permit requirements (e.g. mitigation)		
Work Windows do not necessarily coincide with biological requirements.		
Habitat restoration included proactively – not as mitigation		
No programmatic permits granting blanket authority to do fundamental processes (erosion repairs, sediment removal, rodent management, vegetation management)		
[Add any other Topics here]		



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Key Topics: Vegetation Management Topics	Specific Issue	Level of Importance (Essential, Important, Nice to Have)
Inconsistent policy among regulatory agencies including reduction of conflicting requirements re: construction materials, etc.		
Habitat benefits determined based on isolated detrimental vegetation, not system-wide habitat resources.		
Maintenance requirements inconsistent with habitat needs		
[Add any other Topics here]		



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Key Topics: Communication Topics	Specific Issue	Level of Importance (Essential, Important, Nice to Have)
Conflicting requirements from Corps, DWR, DFG		
Unknown Framework		
Local RDs not included in DWR's small erosion repair program		
[Add any other Topics here]		



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Key Topics: Funding Topics	Specific Issue	Level of Importance (Essential, Important, Nice to Have)
Inadequate funding, particularly for rural RDs; beneficial users not necessarily paying for levee maintenance		
Unfunded mandates; regulatory agencies do not accept fiscal responsibility for the impacts of their decision		
Not a comprehensive, adequately funded bank erosion/bank protection program		
[Add any other Topics here]		