

Flood Control Improvements along Lower Kaweah River and Mill Creek System

Public Hearing Summary of Comments

A public hearing was held on June 27, 2012 in the Visalia City Council Chambers to receive comments on the Flood Control Improvements along Lower Kaweah River and Mill Creek System (Project) proposed by the City of Visalia. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments from the local community to be considered as part of the final funding decision. In addition, comments were requested to determine if any special conditions should be included as part of the funding agreement. The project tentatively was selected by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) pending public comment to be funded by DWR's Flood Corridor Program (FCP) for a total of \$4.6 million in Proposition 1E funding with the remaining funds of \$1.6 million to come from the City of Visalia. Overall, comments received were in support of the project. A summary of the comments are below. Please contact Kristin Ford at kford@water.ca.gov for further information.

1. Two neighboring landowners to the Goshen detention basin expansion site expressed concern regarding whether the project required taking their land. They were also interested in what the project would accomplish, and whether there was a need for a soils contractor to move the soil. They appeared to be satisfied with the preliminary project concept for the site and the City's response that no land would be taken. The project entails creating a detention basin, removing weeds, and forming a berm adjacent to their property. Once the City of Visalia employees explained that the project would not impact the neighboring landowners, the landowners expressed that the project was "a great idea to us" and it would "improve everything".