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To: Partner Agencies for Delta Flood Emergencies

Review of Department of Water Resources Interdepartmental Draft Delta Flood Emergency Management Plan

Greetings:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the lead State agency for flood emergencies and, as such, is often called upon to render assistance during Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) levee emergencies. DWR may also be asked to assist in the recovery of flooded islands, including reconstructing breached and damaged levees, dewatering, and repair of infrastructure.

To guide DWR's actions in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from Delta flood emergencies, the Division of Flood Management has taken the lead in formulating the Delta Flood Emergency Management Plan. The Plan applies to DWR in its entirety and includes possible action and coordination between the Division of Flood Management's (DFM) Flood Operations Center (FOC), the Department Operations Center (DOC), and the State Water Project's Project Operations Center (POC), as well as all other elements of DWR's emergency hierarchy. The Plan specifically supports established statewide emergency planning documents and procedures.

An Interdepartmental Draft of the Plan is attached for your review and comment. While we have received feedback on earlier drafts from within DWR, it is important that DWR's preparedness, response, and recovery processes are understood internally and by our flood emergency management partners. To accomplish that, we would appreciate your review and comment on this draft document.

Please send your comments by June 15, 2014. They can be in the form of margin comments, notes, or other written form and can be returned either directly or in electronic form by e-mail to me at John.Paasch@water.ca.gov.

DWR looks forward to continuing our coordinated efforts to improve flood emergency preparedness in the Delta region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Paasch".

John Paasch, Chief
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