

Sample Flood Safety Plan Workshop Notice

March 18, 2011

Local Governments and Levee Maintaining Agencies,

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is pleased to announce an opportunity for local governments and levee maintaining agencies (LMAs), in a portion of the Central Valley, to improve flood emergency preparedness and ensure continued state funding eligibility of project levee upgrades.

Sample Flood Safety Plan/Flood Emergency Response Plan

Recent legislation now prohibits the expenditure of State funds for the upgrade of a project levee unless certain requirements are met. AB 156 (Laird) was signed in October 2007 and conditions the expenditure of funds by the State of California for the upgrade of a project levee, where that levee protects an urban area where more than 1000 people reside, to the requirement that the local agency responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project levee and any city or county protected by the project levee agree to adopt a safety plan within two years. AB 156 also specified several elements that need to be in the safety plan.

To assist Central Valley agencies in meeting the requirements, DWR is providing templates to “jump-start” the modification of your existing Flood Emergency Response Plan (or development of a new one) that will satisfy these new requirements. Your receipt of this invitation indicates that your agency has been identified as subject to the new requirements from AB 156.

Public Workshops

DWR will conduct three public workshops during the comment period. **The Safety Plan Workshops will run from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.** Please see the attached document for directions and parking information.

Merced – Monday, April 4

Merced Civic Center, Sam Pipes Room 1st Floor
678 18th Street, Merced

Yuba City – Friday, April 8

Whiteaker Hall
44 Second Street, Yuba City

Sacramento – Wednesday, May 4

Department of Water Resources, Flood Operations Center, Conference Room LL-20
3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento

A copy of the draft Flood Safety Plan can be accessed here:

http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/docs/SampleFloodSafetyPlan-DraftMarch_2011.pdf

Please take this opportunity to learn about this program and how it can assist you in the local flood risk reduction effort. Comments or questions on these programs or the meetings should be directed to the DWR Program Manager:

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Directions and Parking Details

Merced – Monday, April 4, 2011

Merced Civic Center

678 18th Street, Merced CA 95340

Sam Pipes Room on main floor, straight ahead as you enter the building from 18th Street

Directions: From 99, take the 16th Street exit. Merge onto E 16th Street. Right onto M Street. Left onto 18th Street.

Parking: Free parking is available in garages next to and adjacent to the Civic Center on the corner of 18th and M Streets.

Yuba City – Friday, April 8, 2011

Whiteaker Hall

44 Second Street, Yuba City CA 95991

Directions: From 99, exit at Lincoln Road heading east. Left onto Garden Highway. Right onto Second Street.

Parking: Free parking next to building.

Sacramento – Wednesday, May 4, 2011

DWR, Flood Operations Center

3310 El Camino Avenue (corner El Camino and Watt)

Conference Room LL-20 – check in on First Floor to obtain visitor badge

Parking: Free parking next to building.