

Notice of Public Workshops on FloodSafe California Initiative and Flood Risk Reduction Funding

Introduction

With the November 2006 passage of Proposition 1E (the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006) and Proposition 84 (the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006), the State of California has significant new funding to rebuild and improve the state's flood management infrastructure. The FloodSafe California Initiative will be accomplished in partnership with local and federal agencies, with most activities and projects requiring cost sharing from non-state sources. Distribution and use of bond funds will be guided by a statewide strategic planning process that will engage stakeholders and all levels of governmental entities to ensure the funds are used for the greatest public benefit.

Public and Government Workshops

The FloodSafe California project team will conduct an initial round of eight public and government workshops statewide in February and March 2007. For these workshops, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has two primary goals: (1) provide an overview of the FloodSafe California Initiative, its goals, guiding principles, and implementation vision; and (2) provide information on near-term (FY 2007-08) bond funding availability. DWR also invites workshop participants to take this opportunity to initiate early stakeholder and partner dialog about statewide flood management goals in relation to regional flood, water supply, ecosystem protection, and land use planning efforts.

Please see sidebar for meeting dates, times and locations. Some meetings will be webcast to facilitate communication with stakeholders and partners who are unable to attend in person.

Emerging details about all aspects of the FloodSafe California Initiative will be posted on our website as they become available: www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov

FloodSafe California Public Workshops

San Jose

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Thursday, February 22 at 2 p.m.

Sacramento

Cal EPA Building Coastal Room*
Friday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

San Diego

Metro Conference Room
Tuesday, February 27 at 2 p.m.

Rancho Cucamonga

City Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Ventura

Board of Supervisors Chambers*
Thursday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

Chico

City Council Chambers*
Monday, March 5 at 2 p.m.

Clovis

Memorial Building, Freedom Room
Wednesday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

Stockton

State Building Auditorium
Thursday, March 8 at 2 p.m.

**To register or for additional
information (including meeting
location addresses, agenda, and
parking information), please visit
FloodSafe California's website at
www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov**

**You may register for the
workshops on-line or by calling our
toll-free registration hotline
(800) 858-7743**

* Audio webcast available

The overview presentation for the FloodSafe California Initiative will briefly describe categories of funding under which approximately \$700 million will be appropriated from Propositions 1E and 84 for the FY 2007-08. Many of those categories represent existing, ongoing programs that are being supplemented through bond funding; other categories require administrative action before funds can be disbursed later in the year. These workshops will highlight the following DWR-managed programs for which FY 2007-08 funding will be available July 1, 2007:

Existing Ongoing Statewide Programs Supplemented with Bond Funds:

Flood Control Subventions Program (\$100 million)
Flood Protection Corridor Program (\$25 million)
Urban Streams Restoration Program (\$9 million)

New Statewide Programs Funded with Bond Funds:

Local Levee Urgent Repairs Program (\$40 million)
Local Levee Evaluation Program (\$20 million)

State-Federal Flood Control System Modifications

Cost-shared projects for early implementation during FY 2007-08 that are, or would become, part of the *State Plan of Flood Control for the Central Valley* (\$200 million)

Workshop Registration

Participants planning to attend in person or via webcast are asked to **register on-line at floodsafe@water.ca.gov or call our toll-free registration hotline at 1-800-858-7743.** Although registration is not required for workshop participation, it will assist DWR to confirm adequate room size and number of handouts needed for the workshops, and maintain a mailing list of interested persons for future communications. Please let us know if you require special accommodation to participate in the workshop(s).

For Further Information

Specific meeting locations, parking information, and program documents and updates will be posted on the FloodSafe California website as details become available. The website will also have specific information about other grant programs that may be developed in conjunction with regional flood planning processes or allocation of funds from other categories of bond funding, information about the types of bond funding available, who can apply for funding, cost-sharing information, funding priorities, and schedules and processes for submitting applications.

Questions related to the above-mentioned programs or to other future FloodSafe California programs may be submitted via e-mail to floodsafe@water.ca.gov. Questions submitted via e-mail will not receive individual responses, but will be compiled into a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) list to be posted with responses on the FloodSafe California website.