

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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**All Delta Local Agencies**

The Department of Water Resources released the Delta Levees Program – Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Final Near-Term Guidelines on February 16, 2010. The Guidelines defined the process for selecting and funding of Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11. The Guidelines remain in effect, and can be accessed via the internet at:

[http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/fessro/levees/special\\_projects/special\\_projects.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/fessro/levees/special_projects/special_projects.cfm)

Under the Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Program, limited funding will be available to Local Agencies for eligible projects, including the repair and rehabilitation of levees to increase levels of flood protection in the Delta. The intent of the Program, as outlined in California Water Code Section 12311, is to protect discrete and identifiable public benefits. The Program also provides funding for habitat restoration and enhancement, in compliance with the “no net loss of habitat” and habitat enhancement requirements of Water Code Section 78540 et seq.

The Department has previously released three Project Solicitation Packages (PSP) under the Near-Term Guidelines. The PSPs for Levee Repair and Improvement Projects and for Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Projects were released during the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 funding cycle. The PSP for Bulk Acquisition of Mitigation Credits Projects was released during the current Fiscal Year 2011-2012 funding cycle. The Department is now releasing the fourth PSP under the Near-Term Guidelines, which is for Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Levee Repair and Improvement Projects.

**Project Solicitation Package**

Enclosed with this letter is the second PSP for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 funding cycle. The dollar amount of the PSP will be limited to \$50 million, with a State Cost-Share of no more than \$2 million for each project. Projects will be selected and released over a period of time subject to the availability of State funds. The PSP discloses the scorings for each of the criterion discussed in the Guidelines. The projects proposed by your agency, if eligible, should describe the agency’s plan to repair or improve its levees to the HMP standard, consistent with the mandates of the Water Code Section 12300 et seq.

It should be noted that proposed projects must bring the entire levee system within the jurisdiction of the local agency to the HMP standard, as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Emergency Management Agency and the U. S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated February 2010.

**Availability of Cash Flow**

It is important to understand that the Department will receive cash flow only for specific projects. Therefore, it is imperative that the local agencies in the Delta participate in this PSP in order to receive State grants for their projects. If your agency wishes to participate in the Special Projects selection process, you should not hesitate to submit proposals for evaluation and selection. This will ensure that selected proposals will be in the queue for funding prior to the encumbrance cutoff date. Please note that the Department will not reimburse all or any portion of the costs associated with preparation of the proposals.

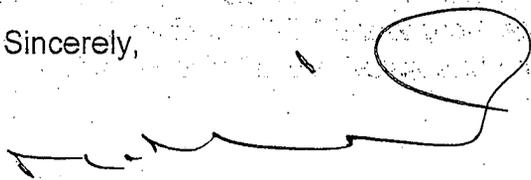
**The deadline to submit proposals under the attached PSP to the Department of Water Resources is 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012.** Completed applications can be mailed or hand delivered to:

Mike Mirmazaheri, Program Manager  
Department of Water Resources  
Delta Levees Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1641  
Sacramento, California 95814

Applications submitted by mail **must be postmarked no later than February 27, 2012.**

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (916) 651-7016. You may also contact Jon Wright at (916) 651-7010 or Andrea Lobato at (916) 651-9295 if I am unavailable.

Sincerely,



Mike Mirmazaheri, Program Manager  
Delta Levees Program