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TO: Delta Local Levee Maintaining Agencies
Distribution List

Subject - Announcement for the release of the Final Bulk Acquisition of Mitigation Credits Project Solicitation Package – Delta Levees Program

**Introduction**

The bulk acquisition of mitigation credits project described in this final Project Solicitation Package (PSP) is intended to expedite mitigation for habitat losses resulting from levee maintenance and repairs as required under the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program and Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects statutes (California Water Code §§12314(d) and 12987(d)). This PSP is intended to provide high quality, biologically-productive mitigation credits for current and near-term projected levee maintenance, repair, and improvements that are conducted through the Delta Levees Program (Program).

**Bulk Acquisition of Mitigation Credits**

Enclosed with this letter is the PSP for the Bulk Acquisition of Mitigation Credits. Public funds will be provided through the Program of up to $6,000,000 to purchase, through a Lead Local Agency (successful applicant), existing mitigation credits from a Delta bank sponsor. The Lead Local Agency, through a contractual partnership with a Delta bank sponsor, will administer the sale of mitigation credits to local agencies participating in the Program that require mitigation credits due to levee repair, maintenance and improvements that result in impacts to habitat types. The source of funding is through the *Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Fund of 2006* (Proposition 1E) and *Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006* (Proposition 84).

The Final PSP is also available at the following website:

http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/fessro/levees/special_projects/project_solicitation.cfm.

**The deadline to submit proposals under the attached PSP to the Department of Water Resources is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2011.**
Completed applications can be mailed or hand-delivered to the following address:

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 November 30, 2011. If hand-delivering the application, please account for delays at the Resources Building security station. The Department encourages all Delta local agencies and interested parties to view the document on the website. However, additional hard copies of the document will be available on request. Please note that the Department will not reimburse any portion of the costs associated with preparation of proposals.
If you have any questions, you may contact me at (916) 651-7016. You may also contact Jennifer Hogan, Staff Environmental Scientist with the Delta Ecosystem Enhancement section of DWR, at (916) 651-7005.

Sincerely,

Mike Mirmazaheri, Program Manager
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