

The Department of Water Resources is releasing its Draft policy document FloodSAFE, A Framework for Department of Water Resources Integrated Flood Management Investments in the Delta and Suisun Marsh (Framework) for public review and comment.

The mission of the Department of Water Resources is:

To manage the water resources of California in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the State's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments.

One of the methods used to accomplish this mission is to invest public funds in flood management facilities in the Delta and a portion of the Suisun Marsh. This public money is invested with the objectives to manage flood water, preserve fresh water quality, and to facilitate freshwater use in the Delta and in areas which are distant from the Delta. This work involves many and varied public and private interests working together for the common good.

The Department of Water Resources is interested in carrying out its mission with partnerships where all are aware of goals, objectives, and policies that govern our actions. It is with this in mind that we have written the Framework. The Framework and its companion document, the *Background-Reference Memorandum*, details the programs, goals, objectives, statewide interests, and includes some of the State law which govern the use of public funds for Integrated Flood Management (IFM) in the Delta.

The DWR invites your review and comment on the Framework until November 24, 2013. Comments submitted to Ms. Wendy Masarweh by e-mail or in print will be considered by DWR staff for incorporation in the final text.

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After the necessary changes are incorporated, the Framework will be submitted to DWR Executive management for approval and will enter into Department policy.

Thank you for the time and effort you have invested to make this policy document reflect real value to the people of California.

Sincerely,

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