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Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Program

Introduction

The Delta Levee Special Flood Control Projects Program (Program) was established in 1988 by Senate Bill 34, and continues to operate under subsequent legislation that extended and provided funding for the Program. Originally, the Program was authorized to address flooding on the Eight Western Islands, Thornton, New Hope, and Walnut Grove. In 1996, the Program was expanded to the entire Delta and to portions of Suisun Marsh (approximately 12 miles of levees on islands bordering the Northern Suisun Bay from Van Sickle Island westerly to Montezuma Slough).

The passage of Proposition 1E and Proposition 84 in November 2006 significantly increased the amount of money available for levee projects in the Delta. This increase in funding required a corresponding increase in the responsibility to be more transparent about how Special Projects in the Delta are funded. To fulfill this responsibility, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) developed the Interim Guidelines in 2008 and the Near-Term Guidelines in 2010, with subsequent Projects Solicitation Packages being released in 2008, 2010, and 2012. To date, DWR has invested over \$350 million dollars in flood control and habitat projects through the Program, carried out by local levee maintaining agencies in the Delta.

2014 Guidelines for Providing Funding to Local Public Agencies

DWR has revised and updated the "Guidelines for Providing Funding to Local Public Agencies" (Guidelines). The Guidelines allow DWR to tailor future Project Solicitation Packages to address the most pressing levee system integrity and environmental enhancement needs in the Delta, with an emphasis on multi-benefit projects.

The Guidelines are available on the Department's website at:

http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/fessro/docs/special_guidelines14_final.pdf.

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Projects Solicitation Package for Multi-Benefit Projects

Via this correspondence, DWR is releasing the “Projects Solicitation Package for Multi-Benefit Projects” (PSP). This PSP solicits eligible projects that provide an increase in export water supply reliability from the Delta, provide long-term ecosystem enhancements, and provide improvements to levee system integrity. A total of \$75,000,000 will be available under this PSP.

The PSP has a two-phase process. The first phase requires the submittal of a Concept Proposal. The Concept Proposals that successfully meet the PSP requirements may be asked by the Program to participate in phase two and provide a full project application for the Program’s review and consideration. The PSP discloses the scorings for the criterion discussed in the Guidelines. Details of the PSP and submittal process can be found in the PSP.

The PSP is available at:

http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/fessro/docs/special_PSP14_final.pdf

Concept Proposals may be submitted to the Program electronically (PDF format) or by United States Post Office. **The deadline to submit Concept Proposals under this PSP to the Department of Water Resources is July 17, 2014.** Completed Concept Proposals may be mailed or hand delivered to:

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Submittal by US Post Office **must be postmarked no later than July 17, 2014.** Please send electronic Concept Proposal submittals to: DeltaLeveesProgram@water.ca.gov.

If you have any questions please call me at (916) 651-9295. You may also call Jon Wright at (916) 651-7010 or Mark Bradley at (916) 651-7003.

Sincerely,



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