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**RECLAMATION BOARD REVIEWS GUIDELINES FOR REDUCING
FLOOD DAMAGE, RESTORING HABITATS
ON SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN RIVERS**

SACRAMENTO – On Friday morning, August 16, staff of the California Department of Water Resources and US Army Corps of Engineers will brief The Reclamation Board on progress in developing a new, system - wide approach to flood management and ecosystem restoration in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins.

Having recently completed computer models and a draft report, staff members of the joint State-federal project are holding public forums to discuss regional issues related to flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration. Congress and the State Legislature authorized the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive study after the historic floods of 1997.

Friday's Reclamation Board meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the first floor auditorium of the Resources Building at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento. Briefings will include an overview, description of the draft comprehensive plan, enhanced flood response and emergency preparedness, community outreach efforts, and coordination with CALFED.

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