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*DWR Solicits Early Implementation Project Applications  
Flood control projects to receive Prop 1E and Prop 84 funds*

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is now accepting applications from local agencies for flood control construction projects to be financed by Propositions 1E and 84 funds.

"There are many important flood risk reduction projects ready to move forward now," said Les Harder, DWR Deputy Director. "While our long-term bond funding plan is being developed, we are also making \$200 million available on an expedited basis for early implementation projects that maximize public safety and reduce state liability."

DWR is soliciting early implementation project applications for flood control construction projects that rehabilitate, reconstruct, replace, improve or add to the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control. Using bond funds approved by voters last fall, DWR will provide cost-share funding for early implementation of state-federal flood control system modifications.

The application selection process consists of two steps. First, projects must meet all of the eligibility criteria. In December 2006, DWR conducted a series of public outreach meetings for input on draft criteria it had developed to selection and design early implementation projects. The final eligibility criteria reflect consideration of that input.

Second, applicants must demonstrate readiness to proceed, and the proposed project must be ready to bid and/or construct by the end of June 2008.

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2007. If funding requests exceed \$200 million, preference will be given to projects that provide the highest flood protection benefits and demonstrate the highest readiness to proceed.

The early implementation projects are part of FloodSafe California, a strategic initiative to maximize Proposition 1E and 84 bond funds to reduce flood risk to Californians, develop a sustainable flood management system for the future, and lessen the consequences of floods

when they do occur.

The complete application package (including a list of the eligibility criteria for early implementation projects) and more information about the FloodSafe California Initiative is available at <http://www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov/>.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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