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DWR Announces the Availability of Draft Guidelines

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today announced that draft guidelines for the Flood Protection Corridor Program and the Local Levee Grant Program are available for public comment.

“These two programs offer an unprecedented opportunity to improve our flood protection systems and enhance wildlife habitat, and agricultural land conservation,” said DWR Deputy Director Les Harder.

In November 2006, voters approved nearly \$5 billion in new bond funding for flood control projects, levee repairs, Delta improvements, and stormwater grants. The Local Levee Grant Program is authorized under Proposition 84 which provides funding for a variety of flood control projects, including inspection, evaluation, and improvement of flood control facilities. Proposition 84 also authorized \$40 million to continue the work of the Flood Protection Corridor Program.

The Local Levee Grant Program is a new funding program for non-Project (local) levees, and the Flood Protection Corridor Program has been ongoing since 2000 when voters passed Proposition 13.

Grants will be offered Statewide to qualified applicants and will be expended through competitive or directed grants to local agencies responsible for flood control at the project location. The guidelines are available at www.floodsafe.water.ca.gov.

The deadline for filing public comment on the draft guidelines for both programs is April 30, 2007 at 5 p.m. Only written comments on the draft guidelines will be accepted, and comments may be submitted via email to floodsafe@water.ca.gov, or mailed to 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, California 95821, Attention: Local Levee Grant Program and/or Flood Protection Corridor Program.

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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