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Comments Sought on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

SACRAMENTO -- The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced a 45-day public comment period on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for the Public Draft 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP).

Released on March 6, the DPEIR describes potential program-level environmental effects and mitigation measures related to components of the CVFPP. Comments on the DPEIR must be received no later than 5 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time), Friday, April 20, 2012.

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board and DWR will host public hearings to receive comments on the CVFPP and the DPEIR, respectively. As part of these four, day-long hearings, DWR will host a poster session and answer questions prior to formally opening public comments to the DPEIR. The date, location and DPEIR comment period are listed below. For a complete schedule, visit www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp.

- Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., April 5, 2012. DPEIR comment period begins: 2 p.m.
- Yuba County Government Office, Board of Supervisors Boardroom, 915 8th Street, Marysville: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., April 6, 2012. DPEIR comment period begins: 2 p.m.

- San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, 2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Assembly Room 1, Stockton: 1-9 p.m., April 9, 2012. DPEIR comment period begins: 4:30 p.m.
- Yolo County Board of Supervisors Building, 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland: 1-9 p.m., April 11, 2012. DPEIR comment period begins: 4:30 p.m.

Historically, the Central Valley has experienced most of California's largest and most damaging floods. Floods have had devastating effects on life and property in the Central Valley and on the state's economy. The two most recent large floods in the region, in 1986 and 1997, together caused more than \$1 billion in damage. The CVFPP represents a system wide approach to improving flood management for the State and federal levee system in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

The DPEIR and its companion documents are available electronically at www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp and in hard copy at a number of locations. The DPEIR may be reviewed during normal business hours (generally 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) at DWR (Main Office, Northern District Office, and Central Valley Flood Planning Office), Sacramento County Central Library, Stanislaus County Library – Modesto Branch, Butte County Library – Chico Branch, UC Merced Library, and UC Davis Library. Addresses for these locations are available at the Web page above.

Comments on the DPEIR may be provided during any of the public hearings or submitted in writing by mail to Mary Ann Hadden, Staff Environmental Scientist, DWR Division of Flood Management, c/o MWH, 3321 Power Inn Road, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95826, or electronically to DPEIRcomments@water.ca.gov.

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