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## **DWR Releases Guide to Addressing Flood Risk In Local Government General Plans**

**SACRAMENTO** -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today released guidance for Central Valley local governments required to update their General Plans to address flood risk.

State law (Government Code Section 65302.9) requires cities and counties in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys to incorporate flood risk data and analyses from DWR's 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFFP) into their General Plans by July 2, 2015.

Entitled "Guidance on General Plan Amendments for Addressing Flood Risk," the document released today will assist local governments in amending their General Plans.

DWR produced the guide with input from Central Valley communities, State and federal agencies and professional organizations.

The guide includes:

- a description of required General Plan amendments
- procedures for requesting the latest data developed by DWR and other agencies
- examples of General Plan goals, objectives, policies and implementation measures

The guide is an extension of DWR's 2010, "Implementing California Flood Legislation into Local Land Use Planning: A Handbook for Local Communities." The handbook continues to assist cities and counties statewide in responding to 2007 flood legislation as they address flood risk during the local land-use planning process.

More information and a downloadable copy of the guide may be found on DWR's website at <http://www.water.ca.gov/cvfm/guidance.cfm>.

DWR will hold public informational webinars to discuss the guide in late October. More details, as they become available, will be announced on this website.

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