

**PAC TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING  
November 10, 2010  
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District  
3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Attendees:**

Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo  
Tim O'Halloran, YCFCWCD  
Mark Cocke, City of Woodland  
Dave Pratt

Cindy Tuttle Yolo County  
Mark Deven, City of Woodland  
Donna Gentile, WRA

**1. Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study**

*a) Federal & Non-Federal Cost Share Agreement:* Fran reported that the Federal agreement will be reviewed by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board at their December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

*b) Flood Risk Reduction Alternatives:* Fran wanted to make the PAC aware that the USACE has expressed that the flood wall needs to be included as one of the explored alternatives to satisfy the NED requirements (Federal government economic assessment). Although the City of Woodland determined that the flood wall was not an economically preferred option. The flood wall was very controversial with Woodland residents who did not support that alternative during the 2004 elections. As a result of Woodland voters' rejection of a proposed flood barrier north of Woodland, an ordinance was passed prohibiting the City from working on any flood barrier. Fran indicated that we should meet with the USACE to discuss how to frame this as part of the considered alternatives. The locals do not want to unnecessarily raise concerns with Woodland residents again. Fran thought the flood wall will need to be mentioned in a future EIR because it was included in the previous feasibility study investigations.

*c) Federal Appropriations Request:* The 2011 appropriations request will provide needed federal funds for the USACE to review the existing feasibility study. Since these funds are pending approval, the USACE is not able to begin the work. (FY2011 Federal request:\$500,000; FY2011 State request: \$100,000; FY2012 Federal request: \$500,000; if \$100K not funded, FY 2012 request will be \$600,000). Fran indicated that if more non-federal funding was available upfront, the study could be completed sooner. He presented DWR's 6-year funding schedule. He presented an alternative accelerated schedule that demonstrated how work could be completed quicker with additional none-federal funding sources (State and local partners). Funding on his draft schedule was advanced by one year. At the end of the 6-years, the overall money spent would be the same as DWR's schedule. Additionally, if it is determined that the Settling Basin has an adverse impact on drainage and flooding in Woodland, a decision document could be developed by the USACE to support these findings. A decision document opens up other Federal funding sources. The question of adverse impacts from the Cache Creek Settling Basin was presented to Colonel Leadly at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The USACE is currently investigating and preparing a response to the PAC's question.

*d) Schedule:* The schedule will be driven by what money is available. If funding is available, work on the feasibility study could begin in January/February 2011.

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## 2. **Recap October 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Congressman Herger, USACE, CVFPPB/DWR**

The meeting with Colonel Leady and DWR staff was very fruitful and is serving to have the new Colonel aware and engaged in the feasibility study process. Col. Leady will be in charge for 3 years. Discussions also acknowledged that the Colonel recognizes the mercury issues related to the Settling Basin. Mercury need to be addressed, but it can not hold up public safety issues. A mercury solution has yet to be determined. The PAC left two questions to be answered by the USACE at the end of the meeting related to the Settling Basin. There were as follows: (1) if it is determine during the course of the feasibility study that the Settling Basin has created adverse drainage/flooding impacts that have not been mitigated what is required to produce a decision document to open up investigation of the Settling Basin and (2) what obligation does the Corps have to mitigate impacts that created by construction of the Settling Basin. The USACE is working on responses and will report back to Fran.

## 3. **PAC Executive Committee (2x2x2) meeting**

The PAC agreed that it is time to hole a 2x2x2 meeting to update MOU partners on floodSAFE Yolo pilot program progress. The PAC agreed that this meeting should coincide with an important milestone to enhance the accomplishments of the program. The next likely meeting time would be in January, since there are holiday and furlough closures throughout November and December. The PAC will determine an optimal meeting date. It was suggested that a meeting coincide before or after a City/County 2x2 meeting (meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday).

## 4. **CVFMP Presentation: WRA Board meeting, November 15th**

A presentation is scheduled for the November 15<sup>th</sup> WRA Board meeting. A presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors is pending to be scheduled in 2011. John Bencomo and Cindy Tuttle are aware that Fran would like to schedule this presentation. A new Board Supervisor will be starting in January, so sometime after January would be appropriate. County staff will report back to the PAC when the time is right.

## 5. **Yolo County Flood Management Priorities**

Fran mentioned Yolo County's 2008 flood management priorities. Cindy thought that the 2008 document has since been revised. She will verify and bring the most current list to the December PAC meeting.

## 6. **IRWM Proposition 84 and 1E Grant Funding**

Tim reported there are no additional updates since the last floodSAFE Yolo meeting. The Westside Regional Water Management Group will be reviewing eligible projects for consideration on the Implementation Grant application – deadline is 1/7/11. The Stormwater Flood Management grant (1E) applications are not due until April 2011. Tim will keep Fran and the PAC apprised of any WRA Technical Committee discussions on the flood related grants.

## 7. **Budget Status**

Fran distributed an updated budget through October 10, 2010 (original \$600,000 budget). There is approximately \$83,000 remaining. This does not include additional program funding commitments of the partners.

## 8. **Other**

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The PAC discussed preparation logistics for the April 2011 Sacramento Metro Chamber CAP-to-CAP visit to Washington, DC. Tim and Bill Marble are very involved in the committees to prepare information for the visit. Yolo County, YCFCWCD, City of Woodland and other local agencies are coordinating well to prepare local issues for presentation at CAP-to-CAP.

**9. Next PAC Meeting:** December 8, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

### **Summary of Action Items:**

- Cindy Tuttle will bring an updated list of Yolo County flood management priorities to the December 8<sup>th</sup> floodSAFE Yolo meeting
- Response pending from USACE from October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting questions re: Settling Basin
- Scheduling of 2x2x2 meeting pending
- Scheduling of CVFMP presentation to Yolo County Board of Supervisors pending.

Submitted by:

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