

PAC TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING

May 12, 2010
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
3:30 – 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo
Stefan Loranzato, YCFCWCD
Tim O'Halloran, YCFCWCD

Warren Westrup, Yolo County
Donna Gentile, WRA
Dave Pratt

1. Summary of Cap to Cap

Tim reported on the Cap to Cap trip in April. Tim spoke with USACE staff while in Washington, D.C. regarding the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study appropriations request. At the request of staff at the USACE, floodSAFE Yolo sent letters in April to Congressmen Herger and Thompson and Senators Boxer and Feinstein informing them about USACE's increase to the FY11 appropriations request for the study from \$100,000 to \$500,000. In view of the complexity of the Federal appropriations process Tim offered to have Anya (a lady that works with the firm PBSJ in Sacramento) give a "federal process 101" presentation at an upcoming PAC. Fran indicated that he would speak with Brandon Muncy of the USACE to determine the status of the USACE's increased appropriations request.

2. USACE Feasibility Study – Cache Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project

- a) Timeline: The timeline is consistent with previous discussions. The agreement should be signed in June. The USACE is a few weeks ahead of schedule and in line to begin work on the feasibility study in October 2010.
- b) Project Management Plan (PMP): The PMP is finalized and is ready for signature by the local non-federal sponsor. The USACE will deliver the PMP to Fran on Friday. The plan is for the PMP to go before the CVFP Board in June for signature. The USACE has requested the names of individuals responsible for representing the local non-federal sponsors to sign the PMP. They also requested the names of the financial and legal counsel who will be signing the *Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement*, which will follow the PMP for signatures. John, Mark and Tim need to meet to resolve these questions. Fran will coordinate a meeting with John, Mark and Tim, since both Mark and John were unable to attend today's meeting.
- c) Cost Share Credits: The USACE has determined that a new Cost Share Agreement is needed thereby closing the door on reaching back to pick up credit for what the City has expended thus far. They did indicate that they would allow the cost of the hydrology update to be captured. Stefan reported that DWR is currently spending funds on studies in the Settling Basin and this could potentially be considered part of the local cost share.
- d) Federal Cost Share Agreement: As noted above we need to provide the names of the local non-federal legal counsel and person signing the "Self-Certification of Financial Capability for Agreements".
- e) Non-Federal Cost Sharing Agreements: Fran explained that the USACE budget as identified in the Project Management Plan (PMP) is \$5,725,500. Although he does not believe it should cost that much with the USACE, we should not assume any less. This must be cost shared 50-50 between Federal and Non-Federal Sponsors. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board and the floodSAFE Yolo MOU partners are the Non-Federal Sponsors. The Non-Federal sponsor share is split 50-50, thus the local share is 25 percent or \$1,431,375. This would be spread over hopefully not more than 3years. Fran mentioned that there

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may be some opportunity to negotiate with DWR/CVFPB to fund the early work to help manage the cash flow.

- f) Feasibility Study Budget: Fran passed out a copy of the feasibility study budget as it appears in the PMP. Fran noted that DWR, under its Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation & Delineation Program is performing work that could be used in the feasibility study and would help to reduce the overall cost. Similarly DWR is performing geotechnical work that could help to offset some of the cost of the feasibility study. Fran noted that Tim sent a letter to DWR requesting that their work be shared and available to use in the feasibility study.
- g) Water Resources Development Act: Fran mentioned that as a follow up to the request that came from Senator Feinstein's office he contacted the USACE to determine if we should be submitting any request for funding through WRDA. The USACE indicated that the WRDA funds are for construction and not feasibility studies. Fran asked if funding should be requested to look at raising the Cache Creek Settling Basin (CCSB) weir. The USACE indicated that the USACE does not plan to begin looking at that until 2017. They also indicated that if it is determined through work of the feasibility study that the CCSB has adversely impacted local flooding, the feasibility study could be the "decision document" for the USACE to seek funding to examine alternatives for modifying the CCSB.

4. Central Valley Flood Management Planning Presentation

Previously there was interest expressed for a Central Valley Flood Management Planning presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the WRA Board. The CVFMP is interested in making presentations to local agencies and Fran inquired whether both groups would be interested. John Bencomo was not in attendance to comment with respect to scheduling a presentation before the Board of Supervisors. Fran will contact him to ask. The WRA Board has a busy agenda schedule until the September meeting, but Donna will ask the Executive Committee to review this for a September 20th agenda item.

5. Lower Sacramento River Regional Conditions Work Group

Fran reported that the Regional Conditions work group is completing Phase 1 and preparing to begin Phase 2. Fran participated in Phase I and asked the PAC's feedback on whether he should continue participating in Phase 2. Phase 2 is scheduled to be a much shorter process and more of a review committee (~2 days). Warren is also planning to attend Phase 2. Everyone agreed that Fran's input was very useful in Phase 1 and he should continue.

6. Budget Status

Fran reported that approximately \$4,000 was spent in the last 2 months. Most of the activities are currently focused on the Feasibility Study. Fran will receive an update from the YCFCWCD accounting manager on budget status and report back at the next meeting.

7. Other

Stefan asked about the status of modeling the larger Willow Slough watershed. Fran reported that field surveys have been initiated and that DWR should issue a notice-to-proceed with the two-dimensional floodplain model development in the next week.

Tim asked for clarification about moving the south levee of the Settling Basin. The question being, does the existing South Levee have to be moved for the bypass concept floodSAFE Yolo has been looking at. Fran mentioned it does not have to be moved; however, a new levee has to be constructed

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so it will depend on the most cost effective source of the material to construct the new levee. Material from the existing levee can be used or material from the Basin if it is suitable.

8. Next PAC Meeting: July 14, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **No meeting will be held in June.**

Summary of Action Items:

- Fran will coordinate a meeting with John Bencomo, Mark Deven and Tim O'Halloran to resolve questions about signatures and finances for the Feasibility Study cost share agreements and the PMP with the USACE.
- Fran will contact John Bencomo regarding a CVFMP presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Donna will present this request to the Executive Committee for the September 20th WRA Board meeting.
- PAC approved Fran's continued participation in Phase 2 of the Lower Sacramento River Regional Conditions Work Group
- Fran will contact Barbara McGriff, YCFCWCD to receive an updated budget report.

Submitted by:

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