

Draft Coordination and Collaboration Plan Update for Phase 3

Upper San Joaquin River

Regional Flood Management Planning



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Introduction

Background

The Upper San Joaquin River (USJR) region encompasses areas that are protected by State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities along the San Joaquin River from Gravelly Ford to the Merced River confluence. The San Joaquin River Flood Control Project Agency's 2015 *Upper San Joaquin River Regional Flood Management Plan* (RFMP) (San Joaquin River Flood Control Project Agency 2015) identified high-priority solutions for regional flood risk reduction that are economically viable and implementable and informed the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) 2017 *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update* (DWR 2017).

The USJR region's RFMP identifies and articulates flood management challenges and deficiencies at the regional level, and describes potential actions and projects identified by local agencies and interest groups. In the USJR RFMP, project prioritization helped to illustrate project benefits. The USJR RFMP also estimated project costs and identified financial strategies and potential funding sources.

Phase 3 of the USJR RFMP began in 2020 as a way to achieve the following:

- Inform the 2022 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) Update (DWR 2022)
- Update previous RFMP project lists
- Re-analyze previous regional challenges
- Identify additional challenges and opportunities

USJR RFMP Phase 3 included extensive outreach to inform stakeholders about 2022 CVFPP Update activities, requesting input on multi-benefit project priorities, and allowing stakeholders to review draft documents and materials, including the Draft *Regional Priorities White Paper* (San Joaquin River Flood Control Project Agency 2021).

Purpose

This Coordination and Collaboration (C&C) Plan Update builds on information collected during outreach conducted to date and describes the strategy for engaging with key RFMP stakeholders during completion of Phase 3 efforts.

For the USJR RFMP to be successful as a plan, it is important that the USJR RFMP reflects a shared understanding and incorporates recommendations from stakeholders; the RFMP must also promote coordination among the developers of other San Joaquin River RFMPs. This C&C Plan Update not only informs RFMP stakeholder agencies but also keeps DWR informed about USJR's regional flood management activities.

The USJR RFMP advances the following best practices and related efforts:

- Communication and engagement
- USJR RFMP activity updates
- Financial planning and funding support
- Regional governance
- Multi-benefit project opportunities and performance tracking
- Regional climate resilience
- Institutional barriers and process improvements
- National Flood Insurance Program-related activities
- Region-specific activities

Communication Goals

USJR RFMP communication goals include the following:

- Track relevant news and funding opportunities
- Conduct regular website updates
- Develop awareness among local flood management agencies and stakeholders about USJR RFMP participation opportunities
- Develop communication partnerships with allied organizations and government agencies to further USJR RFMP goals
- Collaborate effectively and efficiently with other flood-related programs and among developers of other San Joaquin River RFMPs
- Ensure socially and culturally relevant outreach to stakeholders
- Create opportunities for stakeholder input and engagement including regional meetings and small group meetings
- Attend the following meetings, workshops, and programs:
 - Coordinating Committee meetings
 - Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) workgroup meetings
 - CVFPB workshops
 - CVFPB levee inspection compliance program activities
 - CVFPB advisory committee meetings
 - Operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation (OMRR&R) meetings

- Other RFMP regional meetings
- Coordinate with local maintaining agencies (LMAs) on issues such as the following:
 - OMRR&R of SPFC facilities
 - Maintaining active Public Law (PL) 84-99 status
 - Inspection protocols

Principles

The following three core principles guide the C&C Plan Update approach:

- **Critical Path Effort**—C&C activities directly link to key critical-path project tasks, including updating RFMP content and prioritization of projects.
- **Efficiency**—Outreach will be succinct and efficient (that is, a less-is-more philosophy).
- **High Leverage and High Utility**—Activities will be highly focused on leveraging support among multiple project goals. Project collateral and approaches will be oriented to high utility, meaning materials developed for one use can be reused for other purposes.

Action Steps

To accomplish the goals of the USJR RFMP and C&C Plan Update for Phase 3, the USJR RFMP team will facilitate communications and engagement among agency stakeholders. The team will help stakeholders understand what kinds of data are needed in addition to what has already been collected for other flood management programs. Coordination activities that will take place are described in this section.

Communications Activities

Actions related to communications are listed below.

- Continue to use the USJR RFMP website and the stakeholder email distribution list to disseminate stakeholder information.
- Conduct and facilitate quarterly stakeholder meetings to discuss current USJR RFMP tasks and priorities
- Provide meeting summaries in a follow-up e-mail correspondence to agency contacts
- Plan and coordinate one-on-one meetings, or small group briefings, among USJR RFMP team representatives and key organizations, as needed
- Determine the format of interactions with different audiences based on the task deliverable and desired level of input

Communications Materials

Tasks related to creating general information materials are described below.

- Develop PowerPoint presentations with stakeholders
- Develop, send and reply to e-mail correspondence with stakeholders
- Develop meeting agendas

Stakeholder Groups List

The stakeholder groups listed in this section have participated in USJR RFMP efforts.

- Lower San Joaquin Levee District (LSJLD)
- City of Firebaugh
- San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA)
- Merced Streams Group (MSG)
 - Merced County
 - Merced Irrigation District
 - City of Merced
- Madera
 - Madera County
 - Madera Irrigation District
 - Gravelly Ford Water District
 - Chowchilla Water District
- San Joaquin River Refuges (SJRR)
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Non-Governmental Organizations
 - American Rivers
 - Audubon California
 - River Partners
 - Trout Unlimited

Appendix A contains a more detailed list of stakeholders including their contact information.

Meeting Materials

When conducting stakeholder events, the USJR RFMP team will implement the following best practices so that stakeholder engagement occurs in an open and accountable manner.

- **Meeting Times, Locations, and Agendas**—Meetings will be scheduled with stakeholders based on their availability; meeting agendas will be sent prior to each meeting.
- **Meeting Agendas and Materials**—Meeting agendas and materials will make it easier for stakeholders and interested parties to remain engaged during outreach events, especially during any event that may cover a large geographical area. Meeting agendas and materials will be sent to stakeholders prior to conference calls or other meetings.
- **Meeting Summaries**—A summary of meeting activities will be provided via email after each meeting to the attendees.

References

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California Department of Water Resources (DWR). 2017 *Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update*. August. Sacramento, CA. https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Planning-and-Studies/Central-Valley-Flood-Protection-Plan/Files/2017-CVFPP-Update-FINAL_a_y19.pdf.

Appendix A
Stakeholder List
and Contact Information

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