# On Course for Sustainable Water Resources Management

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### **Topics To Cover Today**

#### Managing Risk in California Today

- Investing in Flood Management
- Implementing Projects
- Aligning State, Federal and Local Agencies
- Moving Forward: A New Approach is Needed





#### California's Water Management Challenge: A Tale of Two Extremes



**TOO MUCH** 

**TOO LITTLE** 

Folsom Reservoir, 1976

# Situational Awareness Uncertainties and El Niño

#### Threats

- El Niño current conditions among strongest on record
- California's Atmospheric Rivers
- Heavy rains could trigger flooding, mudslides, infrastructure failure

#### Projections

- Above average precipitation expected for most of CA after the New Year
- NOAA's latest outlook (Nov 20) does not project where and when storms may occur

#### www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions



Atmospheric river that hit California, 12/2014 (NOAA)



#### **Historical Strong El Niño Outcomes**



#### Example: Water Year 1998 Precipitation Outcome by Month

#### 8 Station Index

- Nov 9.45" (150%)
- Dec 4.79" (57%)
- Jan 18.82" (209%)
- Feb 21.22" (265%)
- Mar 8.63" (125%)

- 5 Station Index
- Nov 4.35" (92%)
- Dec 4.17" (67%)
- Jan 13.56" (180%)
- Feb 18.68" (270%)
- Mar 7.29" (120%)
- Apr 7.47" (192%) Apr 5.00" (139%)

California Statewide Average Snowpack

 Water Year
 1-Feb
 1-Mar
 1-Apr
 1-May

 1998
 72
 159
 158
 154



#### **State Flood Preparedness Strategies**



# California is Under-Insured

### NFIP flood policies in force: **5,112,061** As of September 30, 2015

#### Top 5 states:

Florida...... 1,845,614 Texas...... 590,583 Louisiana...... 455,104 New Jersey...... 237,240 California...... 231,976



#### **Preseason Flood Coordination**

#### **Division of Flood Management**

2015 California Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings

**Department of Water Resource** 



#### **Agenda Topics**

Winter Weather Outlook

**Regional Updates** 

Flood Fight Training

**Roles and Responsibilities** under State Emergency Plan and SEMS/NIMS

Latest DWR Grant News

Web Resources (California Data Exchange Center and CA-NV River Forecast Center)

Reimbursement Basics NEW!

**Regional Flood Management** Planning Phase 2, if applicable You are invited to join flood emergency response partners to discuss flood preparedness in your region. Hosted by County Offices of Emergency Services in partnership with the State-Federal Flood Operations Center, these meetings provide regional and local updates on annual preparedness activities.

#### VENTURA

Tuesday, September 15 9:00 - 11:30 am Ventura County Hall of Justice 800 S. Victoria Avenue Pacific Conference Room Ventura

#### SAN BERNARDINO

Thursday, September 17 9:00 - 11:30 am San Bernardino OES **Training Room** 1843 Miro Way Rialto

#### FRESNO

Wednesday, September 23 9:00 - 11:30 am Firebaugh Community Ctr **City Council Chambers** 1655 13<sup>th</sup> Street Firebaugh

#### SANTA BARBARA

Wednesday, September 16 9:00 - 11:30 am Santa Barbara County Office of **Emergency Management Emergency Operations Ctr** 4408 Cathedral Oaks Road Santa Barbara

#### MERCED

Tuesday, September 22 1:00 - 3:30 pm Merced County **Emergency Operations Center** 3500 N. Apron Ave Atwater

#### MONTEREY

Thursday, September 24 9:00 - 11:30 am Seaside Community Center 220 Coe Ave Seaside



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**Proposition 84 Bond Fund Distribution** Source: www.bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov/p84.aspx





### **Drivers of Change are Opportunities**

- Natural Events: Floods and droughts
- Policies and Legislation: CA
   Water Action Plan, Groundwater
   Legislation, demand for
   outcomes
- Financing: Prop 1 Water Bond (End of the Water Bond Era?), Reduced Federal Funding





#### GO Bonds are Reactionary and Unreliable, and Flood Usually Receives Only a Small Portion of Funds



#### California Water Action Plan: 10 Priority Actions

Historical Finance Categories	CA Water Action Plan
Sustainable Financing through Integration and Alignment	10. Identify sustainable and integrated financing opportunities
	<ol> <li>Make conservation a California way of life</li> </ol>
Residual Risk Management	5. Manage and prepare for dry periods
	9. Increase operational and regulatory efficiency
	<ol> <li>Achieve the co-equal goals for the Delta</li> </ol>
Water Reliability	<ol> <li>Expand water storage capacity and improve groundwater management</li> </ol>
Regional	<ol> <li>Increase regional self-reliance and integrated water management across all levels of government</li> </ol>
Sustainability	7. Provide safe water for all communities
Flood Management/	<ol> <li>Protect and restore important ecosystems</li> </ol>
River Basin	8. Increase flood protection



#### **Uses of Proposition 1 Bond Funds**

#### (In Millions)

(In Miniche)		
Water Supply	\$4,235	
<ul> <li>Dams and groundwater storage—cost share associated with public benefits.</li> </ul>	\$2,700	GOVERNOR EDMUND G. BROWN, JR. WATER BOND 2014
<ul> <li>Regional projects to achieve multiple water-related improvements (includes conservation and capturing rainwater).</li> </ul>	810	RELIANITY   RESTORATION   RESILIENCE
Water recycling, including desalination.	725	2014
Watershed Protection and Restoration	\$1,495	Drop 1.
Watershed restoration and habitat protection in designated areas around	\$515	Prop 1:
<ul> <li>the state.</li> <li>Certain state commitments for environmental restorations.</li> <li>Restoration programs available to applicants statewide.</li> <li>Projects to increase water flowing in rivers and streams.</li> </ul>	475 305 200	\$7.5B
Improvements to Groundwater and Surface Water Quality	\$1,420	\$510
<ul> <li>Prevention and cleanup of groundwater pollution.</li> </ul>	\$800	<b>9210</b>
<ul><li>Drinking water projects for disadvantaged communities.</li><li>Wastewater treatment in small communities.</li></ul>	260 260	IRWM
Local plans and projects to manage groundwater.	100	\$395K
Flood Protection		<b>YUUU</b>
Repairs and improvements to levees in the Delta.	\$295	Flood
<ul> <li>Flood protection around the state.</li> </ul>	100	TOT WATER
Total	\$7,545	

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2015 Proposal Solicitation Package



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State Grant Investments in Integrated Regional Implementation Projects

#### As of Dec 2014:

- 700 projects funded statewide
- \$991 Million in State grant investments
- Leveraged by \$4.25
   Billion in local (non-State) cost match

Figure shows Round 1 Prop 84 Distribution only



# Investing in Flood Risk Reduction Projects in California, 2015–2018





Note: "Other" category includes O&M, Engr

### **Flood Risk Reduction Projects**

		Programs	Projects	# of Projects
	Urban	Urban Flood Risk Reduction	DWR/USACE Projects Central Valley - SPFC	36
ſ		Levee Repair Program	Sacramento River Bank Protection	164
		Levee Repair Program	San Joaquin River Bank Protection	15
	Non-urban	Levee Repair Program	PL 84-99 Rehabilitation	192
		Channel Evaluation & Rehabilitation	Modeling, Sediment Removal & Vegetation Management - Central Valley	11
ľ		Flood Control Facilities Rehabilitation	Weirs, Control Structures, Pumps – SPFC	8
	Systemwide	System Reoperation	Folsom Joint Federal Project	1
		Forecast-Coordinated Operations	Yuba-Feather Coordinated Operations	1
ľ		Local Levee Assistance	Statewide	59
		Flood Corridor Program	Statewide	12
	State-Wide	Floodplain Management	Flood Awareness	9
		Flood E.R.	Emergency Response	3
		Flood Control Subventions		26
		Delta Levee Special Projects	Delta-Wide	34
	Delta	Delta Special Investigation	Delta-Wide	25
		Flood Emergency Response	Delta-Wide	34



# Continued leveraging of funding sources will help ensure a sustainable future

# Project type

#### Self-Funding Programs supported through local users' fees

### **Cost-Sharing Programs**

supported through a combination of local and public funding

#### **Public Benefits Programs**

supported through public funding (State or federal)

# local local public public

Funding type



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### California's Flood Future (2013)

#### DWR and USACE Collaboration

- Engaged 142 local agencies
- Map books to show flood risk exposure for every county
- Historical flooding reference for local and regional planning agencies and land use officials
- 7 high level / policy recommendations – work underway now on statewide flood investment strategy



#### **Statewide Flood Exposure**



# State - Federal Cooperation DWR/U.S. Army Corps MOU (Fall 2015)

DWR	SHARED WORK PLAN	CORPS			
Statewide Programs					
Statewide Flood Management Planning	Flood Future Report	Planning Assistance to States			
Floodplain Management Flood Emergency Response Drought Emergency Response	TBD	TBD			
State Plan of Flood Control					
Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Yolo Bypass Implementation - Cache Creek - Sacramento Bypass and Weir/levee improvements - Levee improvements	<ul> <li>Pref. Plan/s &amp; corresp. federal interest</li> <li>SRFCP via Sac Bank reevaluation         <ul> <li>Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study</li> <li>American River Common Features GRR</li> <li>West Sacramento GRR</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	CVIFMS SRFCP via Sac Bank reevaluation – Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study – American River Common Features			
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta					
Delta Levee Delta Ecosystem Restoration Delta Conveyance	Delta Islands and Levee Feasibility Study				
* Need to flush out potential for future FPMS and	PAS activities.				

#### By the numbers

#### Local – Local Cooperation







**48** IRWM regions cover **99%** of California's population and **87%** of its geography





As of December 2014, **\$991 million** in State grants to regional groups have been matched by about **\$4.25 billion** in local and regional investments in IRWM



45 adopted IRWM plans and 700 IRWM projects

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### **Moving Toward Sustainability**

#### **Society Values:**

- Public health and safety
- S Economic stability
- C Ecosystem vitality
- 🕥 Other enriching experiences









### **Drivers of Regional Change**



#### Upcoming Strategic Plan proposes strategies to:

- •Align government programs & regulatory actions to support regions
- •Strengthen regional governance & capacity
- •Enhance regional assistance programs



### Plan and Implement at a River Basin Scale

- Addresses interdependencies:
  - flood, groundwater, water reliability, water quality and ecosystem
- Considers diverse stakeholder perspectives
- Requires cooperation:
  - Local-Local scale
  - State/Fed-Local scale





#### Future Investment Should be Planned, Not Reactive



#### Outcome-Driven Investments will Lead to a More Sustainable, Resilient System

#### **CVFPP Goals and Intended Outcomes**

#### Foundational Goals for Integrated Water Management



### What Outcomes are We Achieving Today?

- Value drives the outcomes and programs
- Actions are planned to contribute toward outcomes





Level 4: Sustainability

Level 3: Resource and Societal Benefits

+ (Reduced flood risk)



Level 2: Physical Assets and Behaviors

(On-the ground project Implementation)



Level 1: Enabling Conditions

(enabling laws, streamlined regulations, supportive policies)

#### **Thank You!**



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