

Regional Planning Efforts and the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

In 2012, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board adopted a [Final Central Valley Board Protection Plan](#). This was the culmination of six months of deliberations on a Draft Flood Plan prepared by the California Department of Water Resources.

The final Flood Plan includes concept-level proposals to widen the Sutter and Yolo Bypasses, to restore thousands of acres of riparian habitat in the floodplains, to add a new bypass in the South Delta, and to purchase easements for possible seasonal flooding of lands outside of the levees. (See related content under “Advocacy,” “Land Use,” and “Floodplain Regulation and Flood Protection.”)

As a follow-on to the statewide plan, local planning efforts begun in 2013 went on to produce regional plans in each of six Central Valley planning areas. “Round 2” regional planning is expected to occur in connection with the Department 2017 Update of the 2012 Flood Plan.

A map of the six regional planning areas can be seen [here](#).

Regional planning lead agency and website information for the **six regions** and **regional entities** leading the planning efforts is provided below:

Region	Lead Agency	Website
Upper and Mid-Sacramento Region	Reclamation District 108	musacrfmp.com
Feather River Region	Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency / Three Levees Levee Improvements	frfmp.com
Lower Sacramento/Delta	West Sacramento Area Flood	www.floodprotectplan.com
Lower Sacramento/Delta	San Joaquin Area Flood Control	sjafca.com/ljrdsrmp.php
Mid-San Joaquin Region	Reclamation District 2092 (River Partners) / County of Stanislaus	www.midsjrfloodplan.org
Upper San Joaquin Region	Lower San Joaquin Levee District / San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors	usjrflood.org

Regional planning within the five regions will occur in parallel with separate Basinwide Feasibility Study efforts led by DWR and the Army Corps of Engineers. To be completed around 2016, these Basinwide Feasibility Studies will focus on major system-wide elements, including proposed bypass expansions and setbacks, and will integrate select local projects and recommendations identified in Regional Planning. In addition, DWR is leading efforts a Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy, focusing on regional habitat and species mitigation components of plan implementation. (See related information under “Advocacy,” “Land Use,” and “Floodplain Regulation and Flood Protection.”)

Locally developed regional plans and the state-federal basinwide feasibility plans will in turn be used for development of an eventual 2017 Update of the Central Valley Flood Management Plan.

Local agricultural interests are encouraged to stay informed of the regional planning efforts in their areas by staying in touch with their county Farm Bureaus, reclamation districts, elected representatives and local water management agencies.

Additional information and periodic updates on the regional planning and implementation phases of DWR’s Flood Plan process will be provided under “Advocacy,” “Land Use,” and “Floodplain Regulation and Flood Protection.”

Visit the Flood Board's website (www.cvfpb.ca.gov), and the department's Central Valley Flood Management Plan and Regional Flood Management Planning websites (wwwdwr.water.ca.gov/cvfmp and wwwdwr.water.ca.gov/cvfmp/regionalplan) for updates from these groups.