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| Project Name: | <u>LSJ/DS RFMP</u> | Date: | <u>6/6/13 2p-3:30p</u> |
| Meeting Subject: | <u>RD 2085, RD 2095, RD 2058 Small Group Mtg.</u> | Project No.: | <u></u> |
| Location: | <u>SJAFCA Conference Room 166</u> | Page: | <u>1</u> |
| Notes by: | <u>Steve Holmstrom / Jesse Patchett</u> | | |

Attendees: Sign-in sheet attached _____

Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the stakeholders to the RFMP and to get information on local-level flood control challenges, needs, and opportunities.

Discussion:

A brief presentation was given by Jesse Patchett (PBI), followed by introductions.

Following introductions, open discussion began. Discussion regarding Paradise Cut widening, dredging, etc. were held with the RD representatives. Toward the end of the meeting, Ron Baldwin with PBI was introduced as the Emergency Response lead for the RFMP. Ron distributed an ER handout, and received information from stakeholders on who to follow up with to get information on flood ER needs.

Some key findings of the individual Reclamation Districts (RD's) is included below:

RD2058

RD 2058 has extensive vegetation on its levees, which can only be mowed on the top of the levee (or controlled with goats) because of the endangered Brush Rabbit. This causes concerns with the USACE's vegetation control requirements.

RD2085

RD 2085 recently passed a 218 election to provide increased funding for maintenance activities. Recent and ongoing projects include seepage and erosion control repairs.

RD2095

Recent and ongoing projects for RD 2095 include critical seepage and erosion control repairs.

In addition to this information, the RD representatives at the meeting stated they would have their engineers provide additional information and project lists to PBI for inclusion in the RFMP.

Additional Questions and comments from the open discussion are noted below:

1. **Comment:** In the 1997 flood, the water surface was 1' above the low chord of the rail road trestle just downstream of the Paradise Cut Weir and the left bank of Paradise Cut broke between the weir and the trestle in 1997. Therefore, a 0.4' rise in water surface due to Paradise Cut improvements could have very significant impacts. If the plan is to direct more water through Paradise Cut, the impacts to adjacent and downstream RD's need to be considered, evaluated, and mitigated.
2. **Comment/Question:** The current capacities of the Paradise Cut and LSJR are below the original design capacity. The loss in capacity is due to siltation and sediment buildup, especially at the confluence of Old River and Paradise Cut. Can we include dredging as a recommended project in the



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RFMP? Maintenance dredging should also be included/recommended. Yes. Projects proposed can be anything stakeholders want to reduce flood risk.

3. **Comment: We support levee setbacks and environmental mitigation as part of a project, but only within reason. We are not interested in flooding a Fabian Tract. Instead, we would encourage refuges upstream to flood periodically since that is one of the purposes of this land. Flooding of existing agricultural land is not supported. Furthermore, periodic flooding of land in the Delta South for fish rearing will also be strongly opposed.**
4. **Comment: The RFMP should consider using the old cross levees as a backstop in case the primary levees fail?**

Action Items:

Consultant Team:

- PBI to follow up with ER contacts
- PBI to prepare meeting minutes
- PBI to post the presentation on the SJAFCA website

Stakeholders:

- RD's to work with their engineers to send existing information & project lists to PBI
- Track in-kind labor and expenses and provide to SJAFCA

ATTENDANCE LIST

PROJECT: Lower SJR and Delta South RFMP

SUBJECT: Regional Flood Management Planning – Small Group Meeting

DATE: June 6, 2013

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: 22 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA, Room 166

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