

**CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD**

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Ms. Melinda Terry  
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Dear Ms Terry:

This letter addresses your concern about how the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will work together regarding proposed drill locations for geotechnical studies related to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The Board directed staff to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and DWR to devise a method of overseeing geotechnical drilling investigations for the BDCP. We believe an important part of the planning process for geotechnical investigations involves providing advance notice to, and receiving endorsement by, the local maintaining agency (LMA) affected by the drilling. The LMAs include reclamation districts, levee districts, counties, and cities that have provided assurances to the Board that facilities and features within the adopted State Plan of Flood Control will be maintained to standards set by the USACE.

DWR has agreed to work with the Board by providing proposed geotechnical investigation work plans and by identifying specific drill sites that would be of concern to the Board, such as:

1. Drill sites located on or within the prism of a federal/State levee;
2. Drill sites located within 50 feet of the landside or waterside toe of a federal/State levee;
3. Drill sites located on lands held in fee or by easement for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Drainage District; and
4. Drill sites located anywhere within a designated floodway or regulated stream as defined in CCR Title 23.

The federal/State project levees, regulated streams, and designated floodways can be easily located using the Board's Best Available Maps Viewer located at the following internet link:

<http://cis.bam.water.ca.gov/bam/>

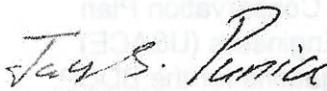
DWR follows safety standards documented in the *Bay Delta Conservation Plan Field Safety Plan for Geotechnical Investigations*. Copies are available upon request.

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While the Board does not have permit authority over DWR's geotechnical drilling investigations for the BDCP, DWR has agreed to share the drilling work plans with the affected LMA and the Board prior to mobilization of equipment at drill sites. The Board staff will review the work plans and comment on the drill site locations, mobilization, demobilization, and proposed method of backfill. In so doing, the Board will consider any concerns raised by the LMA. The Board staff will also share the drilling work plans with the USACE's Chief of Flood Protection and Navigation Section, located in the USACE Sacramento District, and consider the USACE's comments as well. The Board will attempt to work collaboratively with DWR, the LMA, and the USACE to address and resolve any potential concerns before any drilling takes place.

Please call me if you have any questions about this matter at (916) 574-0609, or you may contact Len Marino, the Board's Chief Engineer, at (916) 574-0608.

Sincerely,



Jay S Punia,  
Executive Officer

Bcc: Allan Davis, DWR Real Estate