

Memorandum

Date: April 2, 2020

To: Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee

From: Kristopher Tjernell, Deputy Director, CA Department of Water Resources

Subject: Delta Levees Program Funding Update

The purpose of this memo is to address recent inquiries from the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee (DLHAC) regarding State funding of the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program and the Delta Levees Special Projects Program (collectively, the “Program”) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21. It is our hope that this brief funding update helps provide assurance of the Department of Water Resources’ (DWR) continued commitment to supporting these important programs.

A recent review of the Program’s current financials confirms the availability of Proposition 84 (P84) and other on-hand bond funds to carry out the Program through FY 2020-21. These on-hand funds will be augmented with an additional \$24M (P68) currently pending in the Governor’s proposed FY 20/21 State Budget.

The table below outlines DWR’s FY 20/21 project planning and construction funding commitment. Note that these numbers do not include State Operations (Program staffing) costs.

FY 2020-21 Budget Plan	Commitment	Funding Source
Delta Levees Subventions – New funding to support FY 20/21 requests	\$12,000,000	P1 and P84
Delta Levees Special Projects (New) – New funding to support FY 20/21 requests	\$10,000,000	P84
Delta Levees Subventions – Support for previous commitments (FY 16/17 through FY 19/20)	\$18,340,254	P1 and P84
Delta Levees Special Projects (Continued) – Support for previous commitments (Bacon, Bouldin, Staten); current directed actions (Grizzly Slough, Dutch Slough, MWT); and pending directed action (Twitchell Priority 1)	\$27,970,000	P84 and P68

The Program is currently working to finalize a funding plan for future years. In the short-term, DWR intends to submit a request for Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Program funding as part of the FY 2021-22 budget cycle.

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Lastly, please note that DWR has received early guidance from the Department of Finance regarding the potential fiscal impacts of COVID-19. There is a possibility that current FY 20/21 and in-development FY 21/22 State Budget requests will be impacted. We will be sure to keep the DLHAC community up to date on this and other relevant issues as they develop.

Thanks to each of you for your continued commitment to the Delta. Your partnership is truly valued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Tjernell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Kristopher A. Tjernell
Deputy Director