



Flood Risk Notification Program

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Program Description & Purpose:

Raise flood risk awareness and encourage preparation and action

- For properties protected by the **1,600 miles** of State-Federal Levees (Project Levees) in the Central Valley
- **Annually notify** property owners of **flood hazards** by sending notification letters
- In 2017: Mailed over 280,000 notices to owners of over 375,000 properties



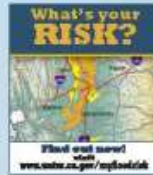
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- **Annual letter sent to each property owner stating:**

- Their property is protected by a Project Levee
- Potential flood hazards associated with each individual parcel
- Encourage property owner to consider adopting a set of mitigation strategies

Consider these facts:

- › **Levees** may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding.
- › **Even if a levee** meets the FEMA standard of 100-year flood protection, there is at least a 1-in-4 chance of a larger flood occurring within any 30-year period (the life of a typical home mortgage).
- › **Flood damage** is not covered by most standard insurance policies for homeowners, renters, and businesses.
- › **The State recommends** that you obtain flood insurance for your property. Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-435-6637, or visit water.ca.gov/myfloordrisk



Remember this simple 3-step plan

PREPARE

Prepare an emergency kit that includes: flashlights, radio, batteries, candles, matches, first-aid kit and a list and supply of all medications, blankets, water, food, etc.

Keep important documents and valuable possessions on an upper level of the structure or as high as possible.

Make a list of items to take with you and have a plan for your path.

Know how to safely shut off your utilities.

Listen for emergency instructions from authorities.

Establish a family meeting place.



PREVENT

Keep storm drains, gutters and ditches clear.

Check with your local flood control agency to see if a permit is required if you plan to build on, fill, alter or regrade your property.

Never excavate, landscape, modify or build anything on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state and federal agencies.



PROTECT

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Consider buying flood insurance. It is a wise investment.



Get a list of your local emergency agency contacts and more local, state and federal information at

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myfloordrisk@water.ca.gov 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Please share this important notice with your tenants. Have it translated if necessary.

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History

- Assembly Bill, Laird
- California Water Code § 9121
- California Water Code § 9130



California Water Code §9121

WAT § 9121

- a. On or before September 1, 2010, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall provide written notice to each landowner whose property is determined to be entirely or partially within a levee flood protection zone.



California Water Code §9121

- b) The Notice shall include statements regarding all the following:
- 1) The property is located behind the levee.
 - 2) Levees reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding and are subject to catastrophic failure.
 - 3) If available, the level of flood risk as described in the flood control system report described in Section 9120 and a levee flood protection zone map prepared in accordance with Section 9130.



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- 4) The State recommends that property owners in a levee flood protection zone obtain flood insurance, such as insurance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the National Flood Insurance Program.
- 5) Information about purchasing federal flood insurance.
- 6) The internet address of the Web site that contain the information required by the flood management report described in section 9141.
- 7) Any other information determined by the department to be relevant.



Steps to Implementation

- Phase 1 Prepare LFPZ maps by 12/31/08
- Phase 2 Sent first written notice (280,000) on 9/17/2010
- Phase 3 Send flood risk notice annually thereafter



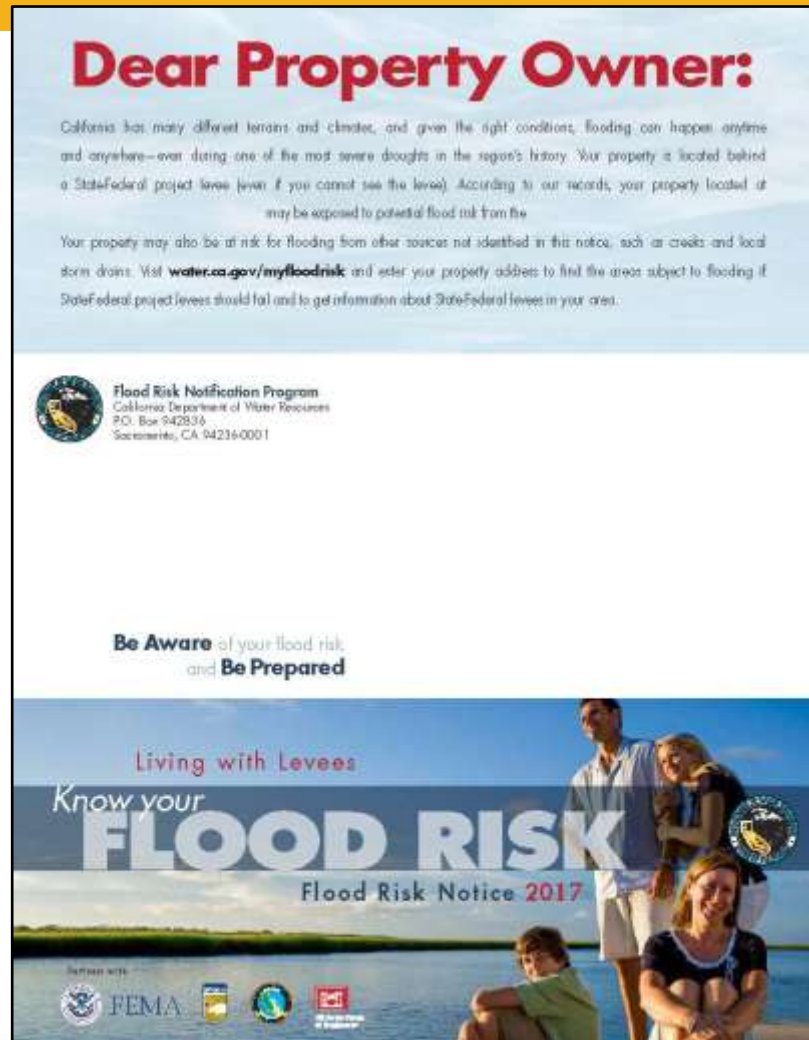
Yearly Actions

- Parcel Data
- Python Script
- Printing Services
- Design of the Flyer
- Postage (USPS)
- Public Response
 - 200+ Phone calls; 30+emails



Flood Risk Notice 2017

- Meets water code and legislative requirements
- Provides Multiple benefits to property owners



Flood Risk Notice 2017

Dear Property Owner

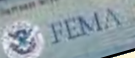
California has many different terrains and climates, and given the right conditions, flooding can happen anywhere—even during one of the most severe droughts in the region's history. Your property may be exposed to potential flood risk from the State/Federal project levees. According to our records, your property may also be at risk for flooding from other sources not identified in this notice. Visit water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and enter your property address to find out more. State/Federal project levees should fail and to get information about State/Federal levees in your area.



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Be Aware of your flood risk
and **Be Prepared**

Living with Levees
Know your
FLOOD



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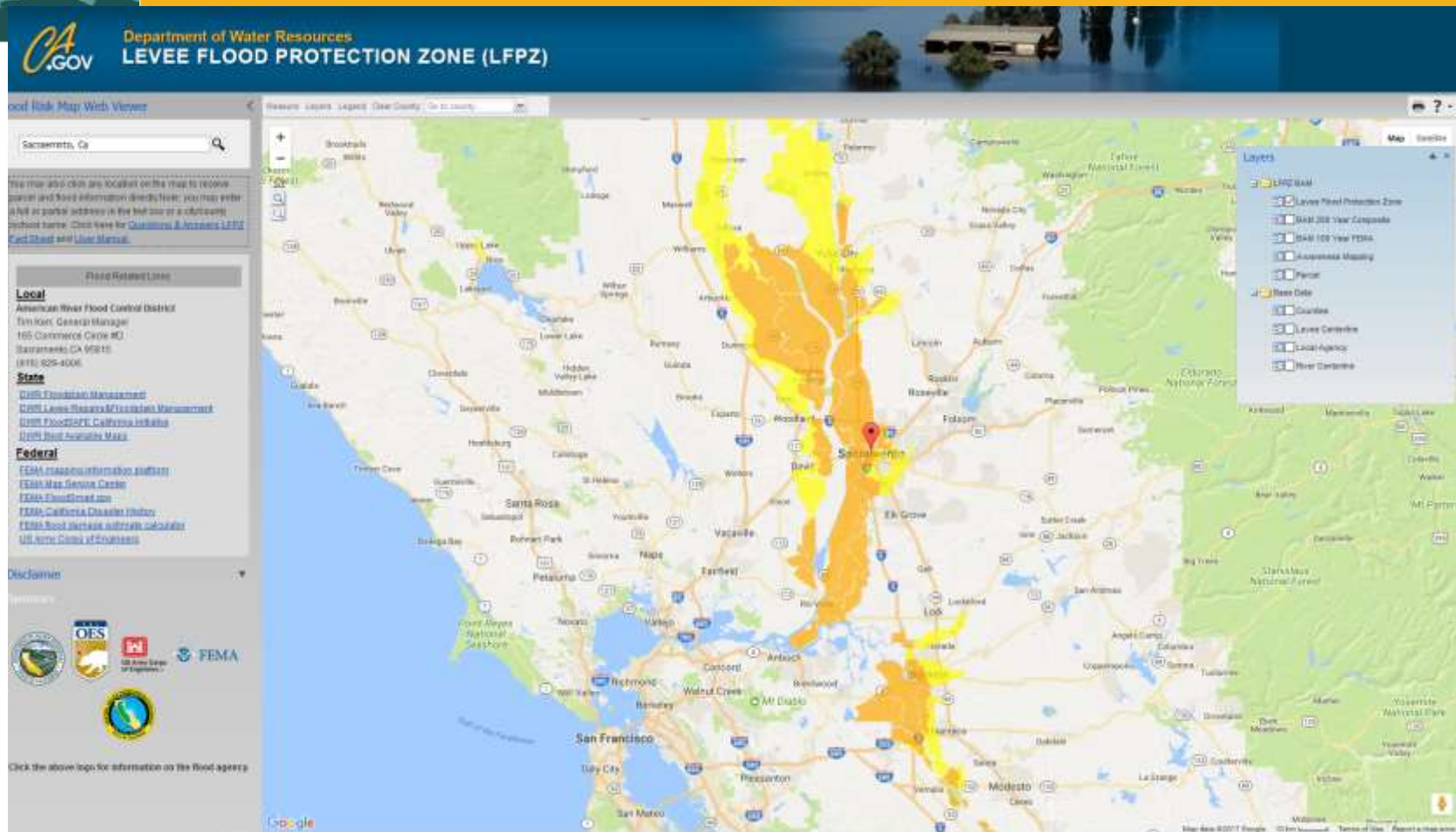
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Flood Risk Notice Website



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Questions?