

AGENDA ITEM 6: Delta Flood Preparedness Week resolution

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Requested Action: Receive report and consider adoption of Delta Flood Preparedness Week resolution

Delta Flood Preparedness Week: California Flood Preparedness Week 2016 runs from October 24-29. The attached resolution proclaims the week of October 17-22 to be Delta Flood Preparedness Week, one week prior to the State effort, culminating with the third annual Delta Flood Safety Fair on October 22.

The Commission is partnering again with the Department of Water Resources’ Division of Flood Management to produce a 2017 Delta Flood Preparedness Calendar, which will be mailed to every address in the Legacy Communities, Holt and Bethel Island. The calendar contains updated emergency phone numbers, online contacts, tips for assembling an emergency kit and websites from which Delta residents can obtain useful information to improve their readiness. This piece has become a cornerstone of our Flood Preparedness efforts, and we thank the Division of Flood Management for being our partner again this year.

The third Delta Flood Safety Fair has slightly shifted its focus in response to feedback from the public, and we will be welcoming new presenters: DCC Engineering will be there to discuss existing levee structures and current best practices in maintenance and repair, the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine will have detailed information about the protection of pets and livestock, CalRecycle will be informing the public about obtaining Farm and Ranch Cleanup grants as a measure of flood readiness, and Sacramento County Mitigation personnel will be discussing the funds available for raising structures in flood zones. Among the other new participants will be the US Coast Guard and the Delta Science Center. The Fair will take place at the Delta Farmers’ Market on Highway 160 at Highway 12 on Saturday, October 22, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

In light of these activities, and in keeping with the ongoing commitment to the safety of Delta residents, we request the Commission to adopt Resolution 16-02 declaring October 17th through the 22nd to be Delta Flood Preparedness Week.

Resolution No. 16-02

RESOLUTION OF THE DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION,
DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-22, 2016 TO BE
DELTA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is a unique and complex region, with a confluence of cultures, economies, ecosystems, politics and dependencies, and is a region at risk; and

WHEREAS, the potential for catastrophic natural and subsequent human disaster, which could happen at any time and any place from flooding and/or related levee failures in the Delta, has been clearly demonstrated during the floods of 1955, 1997, 1998, 2004 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Protection Commission recognizes the critical importance of flood preparedness to increase public health and safety, minimize potential flood damage and accelerate recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Delta residents prepare to help themselves and their families during a major flood event for at least the first 72 hours until and after the first responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, exposure to flooding risk in the Delta can be decreased by thoughtful and appropriate regional planning, training and coordinated resources; and

WHEREAS, during California Flood Preparedness Week, local, State and federal agencies across the State work together to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to prepare their homes and families for a flood, and plan for recovery; and

WHEREAS, California Flood Preparedness Week 2016 will be held statewide during the week of October 24-29, the week immediately following; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Protection Commission supports increased public awareness of flood threats and encourages all Delta residents to take action to know their flood threat and prepare appropriately;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Delta Protection Commission will kick off California Flood Preparedness Week with our Delta Flood Safety Fair on October 22nd and therefore declares October 17th through the 22nd Delta Flood Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 15th day of September 2016.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Delta Protection Commission

Attest:

Nicole Bert, Acting Clerk to the Commission