

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

CENTRAL DISTRICT  
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**TO: DISTRICTS WITH PROJECT LEVEES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DELTA LEVEES MAINTENANCE SUBVENTIONS PROGRAM AS OF JANUARY 1, 1997**

The purpose of this letter is to seek your interest in participating in the Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program. Recent legislation amended the program to include some project levees. Assembly Bill 360 specifically defines eligible project levees as follows:

"Project levee" means a federal flood control levee, as shown on page 40 of the Department of Water Resources' "Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Atlas," dated 1993, that is a project facility under the State Water Resources Law of 1945, Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 12570) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 12639) of Part 6, if not less than a majority of the acreage within the jurisdiction of the local agency that maintains the levee is within the primary zone of the Delta, as defined in Section 29728 of the Public Resources Code.

If your reclamation district qualifies and is interested, we request you to file a letter of intent for work to be done during the period January 1 to June 30, 1997 (see enclosed letter). If your district plans to participate, the letter of intent must be filed by March 21, 1997.

For your information, approximately \$1.6 million is available for distribution to the Delta levee subventions participating districts for work done between January 1 and June 30, 1997. These funds will be allocated to 50 districts that have already filed applications and the additional districts with project levees that complete applications by April 15, 1997. The estimated amount available for project levees is approximately \$500,000. Administrative requirements for this fiscal year will be the same as those specified in the Preliminary Procedures used for the nonproject levees. A copy of the draft administrative procedures applicable to project levees is included for your information. We intend to seek approval of the project levee applications at The Reclamation Board's May meeting.

All work performed under the Subventions program must be approved by the Department of Fish and Game. For more information regarding habitat protection requirements, please contact Ed Littrell of Department of Fish and Game at (916) 358-2924.

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If you have questions or need further information regarding the application process, please call Dave Lawson at (916) 227-7574 or Dave Chima at (916) 227-7575.

Sincerely,



Curt Schmutte, Chief  
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Information Branch

Enclosures