

## **CALFED SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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The current "Special Flood Control Projects" authority was created by the approval of SB34 and is codified in the Water Code under Division 6, Part 4.8, Chapter 2 (Section 12310-12318). The primary purpose of this authority is for "... the protection of discrete and identifiable public benefits, including the protection of public highways and roads, utility lines and conduits, and other public facilities, and the protection of urbanized areas, water quality, recreation, navigation, and fish and wildlife habitats, and other public benefits."

No change in the primary purpose of this authority is necessary except possibly to add "water supply reliability" in the primary purpose. However, in order for the CALFED Program to achieve its objectives, this authority must be coordinated with the CALFED Program. The following change in the Water Code is suggested:

- The Levee Implementation Group (LIG), as established by CALFED, will develop a priority list of Special Improvement Projects consistent with the CALFED objectives and the primary purpose of the Special Flood Control Projects authority. The LIG is comprised of CALFED agencies and stakeholders for the express purpose of providing a forum for stakeholder and science review, and coordination with all other CALFED Actions.
- The priority list will be approved by the CALFED Policy Group (or new CALFED umbrella authority)

The existing matrix of objectives and island attributes (see Table 5) and the more detailed special projects information matrix (see Appendix D) presented in the Long-Term Levee Protection Plan, would supplement a new CALFED priority matrix developed to support the CALFED objectives.

DWR would develop and execute special improvement projects much as they do under the existing Special Flood Control Projects program.

DFG's role would not change.