

Rural Areas Workgroup

The 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) describes improving flood protection in a manner that is consistent with the preservation of rural-agricultural activities and viable local economies. However, the CVFPP also promotes land uses compatible with periodic flooding, and integration of actions to improve ecosystem services and functions which in some cases can be at odds with preserving rural-agricultural activities and viable local economies. The primary objective of the Rural Areas Workgroup will be to help the RFMP team identify feasible alternatives for reducing flood risk to rural areas what work for the rural residents, farms and businesses of Mid & Upper Sacramento River region.

Flood risk reduction solutions for rural areas do not necessarily need to target a specified level of protection, and could instead focus on those identified and known existing high risk deficiencies. This may provide a more cost-effective approach to rural levee repair and improvements.