



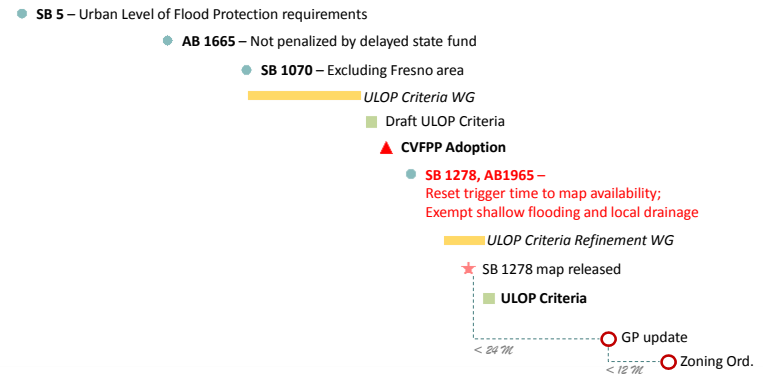
Urban Level of Flood Protection Criteria

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Timeline of ULOP Requirements

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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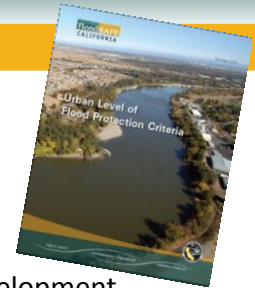
“Urban level of flood protection” means the level of protection that is necessary to withstand flooding that has a 1-in-200 chance of occurring in any given year using criteria consistent with, or developed by, the Department of Water Resources.

“Urban level of flood protection” shall not mean shallow flooding or flooding from local drainage that meets the criteria of the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection.



ULOP Criteria

- Document Contents
 - Introduction
 - Criteria
 - Other Considerations
- DWR's Principles for Criteria Development
 - Satisfy legislative requirements without interfering with local land use authority
 - Provide reasonable details and flexibility
 - Promote prudent floodplain management



ULOP Criteria Uses

- Cities and counties can use either these criteria or other consistent criteria
- DWR does not have enforcement authority
- DWR may include the ULOP Criteria in future requirements for State funding eligibility, where appropriate
- DWR currently does not have plans to convert the ULOP Criteria into regulations



Road Map for ULOP Criteria

The California Department of Water Resources developed the Urban Level of Flood Protection Criteria (Criteria). For **affected land use decisions**, cities and counties in **specific locations** within the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins need to make a **finding** related to an urban level of flood protection based on **substantial evidence** in the record. Cities and counties may use criteria consistent with this Criteria or apply this Criteria directly.

See LOC Provisions in the Criteria

See DCN Provisions in the Criteria

See FND Provisions in the Criteria

See EVD Provisions in the Criteria



ULOP Criteria

- Applicable Location
 - Urban/urbanizing area
 - Within FEMA FIRM
 - Within Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley
 - Within area with potential flood depth greater than 3 feet
 - Within watershed with a contributing area of more than 10 square miles



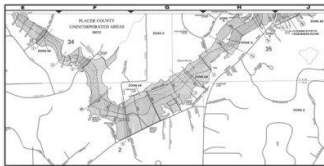
ULOP Criteria

- Findings
 1. Currently have 200-year flood protection
 2. Imposed conditions
 3. Making adequate progress
 4. Within an undetermined risk area
- Substantial Evidence
 - Depends on type of finding (could include CE report, review from Independent Panel of Experts)
 - A previous finding can be used to support a new finding, when applicable



Related DWR Assistance

- **Developing A Guidance Document for General Plan Amendments**
 - All cities and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley must update their General Plans by July 2015



More Information

<http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/urbancriteria/>

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