Rebuilding the System
Reducing the Risk

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floodSAFE California: 
A strategic initiative under development by DWR to improve flood protection for the people of California

The goals of floodSAFE California are:

1. Reduce flood risk to the people of California, their homes and property, the State’s infrastructure, and the public trust resources.

2. Develop a sustainable flood management system for the future.

3. Reduce the adverse consequences of floods when they do occur.
Flood Planning for California

- California Flood Plan
  - Strategic plan coordinated with California Water Plan
- Regional Flood Management Planning
  - Enhanced regional planning to meet future needs
- State Plan of Flood Control for the Central Valley
  - Detailed plan to manage State-federal Flood Control System in Sacramento and San Joaquin Watersheds
California Flood Plan

• New strategic plan to inform long-term policy decisions about flood management
• Set statewide goals and principles for effective flood management
• Document statewide needs
• Encourage multi-objective / regional approach
• Develop in coordination with CA Water Plan
Regional Flood Management Planning

• Purpose
  – Encourage neighboring communities to work together on a regional (ideally watershed) basis to address mutual flood hazards over the next 25 years
  – Help communities identify future structural and nonstructural flood mitigation strategies and measures
  – Develop a “road map” leading to more flood-resistant communities
  – Assist local agencies and the State to define future flood management needs and costs
• Expand Flood Management component of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans

• Can draw from existing plans including:
  – Community general plans
  – OES/FEMA Local Multi-Hazard Plans
  – Watershed Management Plans
  – FEMA/CRS Floodplain Management Plans
  – Community or Local District Flood Management Plans
Regional Flood Management Planning

• Next Steps
  – DWR will develop guidelines for Regional Flood Management Planning
  – Will coordinate with Integrated Regional Water Management Plan guidelines
  – Guidelines available by December 2007
  – Funding for regional flood management planning available in early 2008
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