



Fact Sheet: Non-Project Levees Local Maintaining Agency Annual Reporting Requirements

California Water Code §9140 and 9141 (Assembly Bill 156, 2007)

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Why am I receiving this fact sheet?

The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the Local Maintaining Agencies (LMAs) about the legislatively mandated reporting requirements primarily for the jurisdictional non-project levees. The fact sheet—the *Local Maintaining Agency Annual Reporting Requirements Fact Sheet*—was first published by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2008 and has been updated since then; it contains information on reporting requirements. As per the requirement, the LMAs are required to submit the information on project levees and jurisdictional non-project levees annually by September 30 of each year. This fact sheet on non-project levees aims to highlight those existing requirements for the jurisdictional non-project levees maintained by the LMAs.

What is a non-project levee?

Any levees that are not part of the State Plan of Flood Control are non-project levees. For the purpose of LMA annual reporting, under California Water Code 9140, non-project levees are those levees benefitting land within the boundaries of the area benefited by the project levees.

Why are non-project levees important?

There are thousands of miles of flood control levees in the Central Valley. Of these, only about 1,600 miles of levees are project levees and the rest are the non-project levees. There is a wide variation in the construction types and standards amongst the non-project levees. Despite their various types and standards, the non-project levees supplement and/or complement project levees by helping protect urban and agricultural areas and infrastructures.

Is reporting on non-project levees mandated by law?

Yes. Assembly Bill 156 was passed in 2007 by the California Legislature and requires LMAs to annually report the information on both project and jurisdictional non-project levees. Details on this requirement can be found in the California Water Code 9140 and 9141 (Assembly Bill 156, 2007).

Why LMAs should report on non-project levees they maintain?

Generally speaking, the information on non-project levees is equally of important as project levees particularly for flood preparedness and protection planning. DWR summarizes the information gathered from LMAs and submits it to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board). The Board and DWR make the information available to the public through their respective websites and through counties and local libraries. Information sharing with the public and emergency management agencies is critically important for any comprehensive flood risk management planning and preparedness.

What information should be submitted?

Reports submitted to DWR by a **local agency** pursuant to CWC §9140 must include all of the following:

1. Information known to the local agency that is relevant to the condition or performance of the project levee (*or jurisdictional non-project levee*);
2. Information identifying known conditions that might impair or compromise the level of flood protection provided by the **project levee** (*or jurisdictional non-project levee*);
3. A summary of maintenance performed by the **local agency** during the previous fiscal year;
4. A statement of work and estimated cost for operation and maintenance of the project levee (*or jurisdictional non-project levee*) for the current fiscal year, as approved by the local agency; and
5. Any other readily available information contained in the records of the local agency relevant to the condition or performance of the project levee (*or jurisdictional non-project levee*), as determined by the Board or DWR.

How can the information on non-project levees be submitted?

Information on non-project levees can be provided together with information on project levees. This can be done electronically through LMA website (<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/lma.html>). Web-based information exchange can be very efficient and effective, and DWR strongly encourages LMAs to submit information electronically through the LMA reporting tool. However, for those who want to submit information by mail, forms can be downloaded from the LMA website or requested from Tariq Chechi at (916) 574-2354 (Tariq.Chechi@water.ca.gov) or Mahesh Gautam at (916) 574-2759 (Mahesh.Gautam@water.ca.gov).

What other additional information LMAs can provide?

Unlike project levees, it is likely that DWR may not have detailed information on all non-project levees. LMAs are therefore encouraged to provide as much information as they can on the non-project levees they maintain. Specific forms are provided in LMA website to assist LMAs to submit information in hard copy format or electronically.

Who should I contact if I have some questions?

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