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**FLOOD MANAGEMENT TOUR**  
***Lower San Joaquin River and South Delta***  
**May 12-13, 2010**

**Sponsored by:** Water Education Foundation

**Tour staff:** *Rebecca Scott, Events/Tour Director, Water Education Foundation*  
*Rita Schmidt Sudman, Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

**Resource speakers:**  
*Jay Punia, Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board*  
*John Cain, Director of Conservation for California Flood Management, American Rivers*  
*Gilbert Cosio, Principal, MBK Engineers (Wednesday)*  
*Chris Neudeck, Vice President, Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc. (Thursday)*

**DAY 1: STOCKTON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010**

**7:30 a.m.** **CHECK-IN, Hilton Stockton**, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd, Stockton, California, United States 95207-8233, 1-209-957-9090

**8:00 a.m.** **DEPART** for San Joaquin County Agricultural Center, 2101 E. Earhart Ave, Stockton

**Route:** Southwest on Grand Canal Blvd toward Lorenzo Ln, Right onto Da Vinci Dr, Left onto W March Ln, I-5S (ramp on the left toward San Fran/LA), Take the Fresno Avenue exit toward Downtown Stockton, Merge onto 4E via the exit on the Left toward 99, Merge onto 99S, Take the Arch Rd exit (250), Take Arch Rd West ramp, Arch Rd becomes Arch Airport Rd, Left onto Pock Ln, Right onto Earhart Ave. on Left.

**8:30 a.m.** **Arrive** San Joaquin County Agricultural Center

Overview of the flood management system of the Lower San Joaquin River and South Delta: History, flood facilities, problem areas.

**Joe Countryman**, *Principal Engineer, MBK Engineers*

Overview of flood fight maps and emergency flood evacuation, 1997 and 2006 flood events and lessons learned on the San Joaquin River system

**Ron Baldwin**, *Director of Emergency Services, San Joaquin County*

State reservoir operations, DWR and Corps involvement

**Speakers:**

**Randy Olsen**, *Head of DWR Joint Operations Center and Corps Chief Operations and Readiness Branch*

**Corps**

**10:00 a.m. DEPART** for San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

**Route:** 5S, Highway 132 east (for approx 15 miles), Right onto River Road (All-American Café is a landmark at Hwy 132 and River Road), Follow River Road for 3 miles, Left onto Dairy Road (follow for one mile until it ends), Refuge parking lot will be on the right (we will see a beige brick restroom building and wooden kiosks)

**En route:** Discuss Vernalis gauging station operations

**DWR**

**10:45 a.m. ARRIVE** San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge

Floodplain restoration, levee setbacks, Stanislaus & Tuolumne restoration projects

**Speakers:**

**Eric Hopson**, *Refuge Manager*

**Jack Sparks**, *Outdoor Recreation Planner, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

**John Cain**, *Director of Conservation for California Flood Management*

**11:30 a.m. DEPART** for LUNCH

**Route:** Back out to Maze Blvd (132 east), Right on Maze, Left on N. Gates Rd until Mape's Ranch sign

**11:45 p.m. ARRIVE** for LUNCH at **Mape's Ranch**

**Tour of ranch: Bill Lyons**

**Discussion Topics:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speakers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bill Lyons, Mape's Ranch  
Tuolumne River Trust  
River Partners**

- 1: 30 p.m.**     **DEPART** for Alex Hildebrand's property  
**Route:** Right on CA-132 W/Maze Blvd, Right at S Kasson Rd, Right at Airport Way, Left at E Perrin Rd, Continue onto S Hays Rd (up onto levee and around), follow road to left and turn left at Hildebrand sign
- 2:00 p.m.**     **ARRIVE** Alex Hildebrand's property, 23443 Hays Rd, Manteca, CA 95337
- Upstream issues along South Delta and San Joaquin,  
**Alex Hildebrand**
- 3:00 p.m.**     **DEPART** for Paradise Cut  
**Route:** Head southeast on E Perrin Rd, Slight left to stay on E Perrin Rd, Left at Airport Way, Left to merge onto CA-120W, Exit onto I-5S, Take exit 460 for Manthey Rd, Turn right at S Manthey Rd, Take 1<sup>st</sup> right and go under freeway toward Mossdale Rd, Turn right at Mossdale Rd, go through gate and follow gravel road along the river to the left
- 3:15 p.m.**     **ARRIVE** Paradise Cut  
Importance of Paradise Cut, RD 2062, South Delta Bypass, modifications for River Islands development  
**Speakers:**  
**Susan Dell'Osso, Project Director, River Islands  
DWR**
- 4:00 p.m.**     **DEPART** for Lathrop super levee  
**Route:** East on Mossdale Rd, left at Mossdale Rd, 1<sup>st</sup> right under the freeway toward S Manthey Rd, Right at S Manthey Rd, 2nd left onto Stewart Rd. Go over rail line and stay to the right on the levee road.
- En Route:** Development in flood zones  
**Jay Punia, Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board**
- 4:15 p.m.**     **ARRIVE** at Lathrop super levee
- Development in flood zones, River Islands project, flood protection,  
**Speakers:**  
**Susan Dell'Osso, Project Director, River Islands  
Sean Bechta, Senior Project Manager at AECOM**
- 4:45 p.m.**     **DEPART** for RD 17

**Route:** Head southwest on Stewart Rd toward S Manthey Rd, Turn left at S Manthey Rd, Take third left onto Brookhurst, Take Brookhurst all the way to the end.

**5:00 p.m. ARRIVE** at RD 17

RD 17 three-phase levee improvement project, seepage issues, flood control  
**Dante Nomellini, Attorney, Central Delta Water Agency**

Environmental hurdles and regulatory issues associated with levee repairs or new levees

**Sean Bechta, Senior Project Manager at AECOM**

**5:30 p.m. DEPART** for Hilton Stockton

**Route:** Head east on Brookhurst Blvd toward Inland Passage Way, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit and stay on Brookhurst Blvd, Turn left at S Manthey Rd, Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Louise Ave, Turn left to merge onto I-5N, Take exit 476 for March Ln toward Quail Lakes Dr, Turn right at W March Ln, Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Da Vinci Dr, Turn left at Grand Canal Blvd.

**6:00 p.m. ARRIVE Hilton Stockton, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd, Stockton, California, United States 95207-8233, 1-209-957-9090**

**6:45 p.m. No host cocktails in hotel lobby**

**7:30 p.m. DINNER at Hilton Stockton**

**Speaker: Representative from the Delta Counties Coalition**

## **DAY 2: THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010**

**7:30 a.m. DEPART** for University of the Pacific

**Route:** Head east on Grand Canal Blvd toward Medici Ct, Take the 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Medici Ct, Right at W March Ln, Right at Pacific Ave, Right at N Pacific Ave (on right)

**8:00 a.m. ARRIVE** at University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Ave, Stockton, CA 95211 (Go to the University Center building and up to the second floor from the outside stairs)

Calaveras River flood control project, habitat restoration programs, Friends of the Lower Calaveras River projects

**Speakers:**

**Margit Aramburu, Director of Natural Resources, University of the Pacific**

**Jeremy Terhune, Friends of the Lower Calaveras River**

*Tom Zuckerman, University of the Pacific, former counsel Central Delta Water District*

**9:30 a.m.**      **DEPART** for Smith Canal  
**Route:** Out of campus, left onto Baxter Way, Right onto Larry Heller Dr, Turn Left onto N Pershing Ave, Right onto Argonne Dr, Bear right onto Monte Diablo Ave, Bear right onto road along the water.

**En route:** FEMA

**9:45 a.m.**      **ARRIVE** Smith Canal

FEMA flood maps, high risk flood zones, control gates

**Speakers:**

***Roger Churchwell**, Deputy Executive Director, San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFC)*

***Barry O'Regan**, Vice President, PBI*

**10:45 a.m.**      **DEPART** for Bear Creek, RD 2115

**Route:** Bear left onto Monte Diablo Ave, I-5N, Exit 481 Eight Mile Road, Left onto W Eight Mile Rd, Left onto Trinity Pkwy, Arrive near Lincoln Village

**11:00 a.m.**      **ARRIVE** Bear Creek

History and current status of encroachments on Bear Creek Levee, enforcement of levee standards

**Speakers:**

***Mark Connelly**, Engineering Services Manager, Flood Management Division, San Joaquin County*

***Jay Punia**, Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board*

**11:45 p.m.**      **DEPART** for **LUNCH** view PC Borrow Pits on the way

**Route:** Back to 5N, Left on 12 to Terminous Park

View and discuss borrow pits

***Chris Neudeck**, Vice President, Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.*

**12:15 p.m.**      **ARRIVE** for **LUNCH** at Terminous

Urban flood protection with project and non-project levees (panel discussion)

**Speakers:**

***Chris Neudeck**, Vice President, Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.*

***Mark Connelly**, Engineering Services Manager, Flood Management Division, San Joaquin County*

**DWR**

**Corps**

**James Giottonini**, Executive Director, San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency

- 1:45 p.m.**      **DEPART** for Jones Tract  
**Route:** 5S to 4W, Right onto Bacon Island Rd
- En route:** Delta Islands & Levees Feasibility Study and the CALFED Levee Stability Program  
**Corps**
- 2:15 p.m.**      **ARRIVE** Jones Tract
- Delta levee stability, DRMS levee failure, levee rehabilitation  
**Speakers:**  
**Mark Connelly**, Engineering Services Manager, Flood Management Division, San Joaquin County  
**Chris Neudeck**, Vice President, Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.
- 3:00 p.m.**      **DEPART** for Discovery Bay  
**Route:** Take Bacon Island Rd back to 4W, Right on Discovery Bay Blvd, Left on Riverlake Rd.
- 3:15 p.m.**      **ARRIVE** Discovery Bay
- Two-Gates Project, flow modification, access challenges and salinity concerns, compare with Franks Tract project  
**Speakers:**  
**Mario Manza**, Bureau of Reclamation  
**Mike Guzzardo**, Media Relations Director, Save the California Delta Association
- 4:00 p.m.**      **DEPART** for Hilton Stockton  
**Route:** 4E to 5N, Take W March Lane exit, Right, Right on Medici Ln, Right on Grand Canal Blvd  
**En route:** Funding, State and Federal efforts
- 5:00 p.m.**      **ARRIVE Hilton Stockton**, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd, Stockton, California, United States 95207-8233, 1-209-957-9090