# **ATTACHMENT 5**

Assembly Bills 162 (2007), 1965 (2012), and 1259 (2013); and Senate Bills 5 (2007) and 1278 (2012)

# Assembly Bill No. 162

# **CHAPTER 369**

An act to amend Sections 65302, 65303.4, 65352, 65584.04, and 65584.06 of, and to add Sections 65300.2 and 65302.7 to, the Government Code, relating to local planning.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 162, Wolk. Land use: water supply.

(1) The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county general plan to include specified mandatory elements, including a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for various purposes and a conservation element that considers, among other things, the effect of development within the jurisdiction, as described in the land use element, on natural resources located on public lands, including military installations, and provides that the conservation element may also cover, among other things, flood control.

This bill would require the land use element to identify and annually review those areas covered by the general plan that are subject to flooding as identified by flood plain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources. The bill also would require, upon the next revision of the housing element, on or after January 1, 2009, the conservation element of the general plan to identify rivers, creeks, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitat, and land that may accommodate floodwater for purposes of groundwater recharge and stormwater management. By imposing new duties on local public officials, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

(2) The Planning and Zoning Law also requires that a city or county general plan contain a safety element for the protection of the community from any unreasonable risks associated with the effects of seismically induced surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, and dam failure; slope instability leading to mudslides and landslides, subsidence, liquefaction, and other seismic, geologic, and fire hazards.

This bill would also require, upon the next revision of the housing element, on or after January 1, 2009, the safety element to identify, among other things, information regarding flood hazards and to establish a set of comprehensive goals, policies, and objectives, based on specified information for the protection of the community from, among other things, the unreasonable risks of flooding.

The bill would also require the planning agency, upon each revision of the housing element to review, and if necessary, to identify new information Ch. 369 -2

that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element and would provide criteria by which cities and counties that have flood plain management ordinances may comply with these provisions.

(3) The Planning and Zoning Law also requires, prior to the periodic review of its general plan and prior to preparing or revising its safety element, each city and county to consult with the Division of Mines and Geology of the Department of Conservation and with the Office of Emergency Services, as specified, and requires that at specified times prior to adoption or amendment of the safety element, each city and county submit one copy of a draft or amendment of the safety element to specified state agencies and local governments for review pursuant to specified procedures.

Existing law establishes the 7-member Reclamation Board in the Department of Water Resources and requires the board members to be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Senate Bill 17 of the 2006–07 Regular Session, if enacted, would rename the Reclamation Board as the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and would revise the membership of the board.

This bill would also require each city and county located within the boundaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District to submit the draft element or draft amendment to the safety element of its general plan to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and every local agency that provides flood protection to territory in the city or county at least 90 days prior to the adoption of, or amendment to, the safety element. The bill would also require the board and a local agency to review the draft or an existing safety element and report its written recommendations to the planning agency within 60 days of its receipt of the draft or existing safety element, as specified.

(4) The Planning and Zoning Law requires, prior to action by a legislative body to adopt or substantially amend a general plan, that the planning agency refer the proposed action to specified state, local, and federal agencies.

This bill would also require that the proposed action be referred to the board when the proposed action is within the boundaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District.

(5) The Planning and Zoning Law requires at least 2 years prior to a scheduled revision of a local government's housing element that each council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, or the Department of Housing and Community Development, where there is no council of governments, develop a proposed methodology for distributing the existing and projected regional housing needs to cities, counties, and cities and counties within the region or within the subregion, where applicable, pursuant to specified provisions. That law requires that the methodology be consistent with specified objectives that include, among other things, a determination of the availability of land suitable for urban development or for conversion to residential use, the availability of underutilized land, and opportunities for infill development and increased residential densities.

This bill would provide that the determination of available land suitable for urban development may exclude lands where the flood management

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infrastructure designed to protect the jurisdiction is not adequate to avoid the risk of flooding such that the development of housing would be impractical due to cost or other considerations.

(6) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 65300.2 is added to the Government Code, to read: 65300.2. (a) For the purposes of this article, a "200-year flood plain" is an area that has a 1 in 200 chance of flooding in any given year, based on hydrological modeling and other engineering criteria accepted by the Department of Water Resources.

(b) For the purposes of this article, a "levee protection zone" is an area that is protected, as determined by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board or the Department of Water Resources, by a levee that is part of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, as defined under Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.

SEC. 1.5. Section 65302 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65302. The general plan shall consist of a statement of development policies and shall include a diagram or diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals. The plan shall include the following elements:

- (a) A land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for housing, business, industry, open space, including agriculture, natural resources, recreation, and enjoyment of scenic beauty, education, public buildings and grounds, solid and liquid waste disposal facilities, and other categories of public and private uses of land. The location and designation of the extent of the uses of the land for public and private uses shall consider the identification of land and natural resources pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d). The land use element shall include a statement of the standards of population density and building intensity recommended for the various districts and other territory covered by the plan. The land use element shall identify and annually review those areas covered by the plan that are subject to flooding identified by flood plain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Department of Water Resources. The land use element shall also do both of the following:
- (1) Designate in a land use category that provides for timber production those parcels of real property zoned for timberland production pursuant to the California Timberland Productivity Act of 1982, Chapter 6.7 (commencing with Section 51100) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5.

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- (2) Consider the impact of new growth on military readiness activities carried out on military bases, installations, and operating and training areas, when proposing zoning ordinances or designating land uses covered by the general plan for land, or other territory adjacent to military facilities, or underlying designated military aviation routes and airspace.
- (A) In determining the impact of new growth on military readiness activities, information provided by military facilities shall be considered. Cities and counties shall address military impacts based on information from the military and other sources.
  - (B) The following definitions govern this paragraph:
  - (i) "Military readiness activities" mean all of the following:
- (I) Training, support, and operations that prepare the men and women of the military for combat.
  - (II) Operation, maintenance, and security of any military installation.
- (III) Testing of military equipment, vehicles, weapons, and sensors for proper operation or suitability for combat use.
- (ii) "Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Section 2687 of Title 10 of the United States Code.
- (b) A circulation element consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, any military airports and ports, and other local public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the land use element of the plan.
- (c) A housing element as provided in Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580).
- (d) (1) A conservation element for the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources including water and its hydraulic force, forests, soils, rivers and other waters, harbors, fisheries, wildlife, minerals, and other natural resources. The conservation element shall consider the effect of development within the jurisdiction, as described in the land use element, on natural resources located on public lands, including military installations. That portion of the conservation element including waters shall be developed in coordination with any countywide water agency and with all district and city agencies, including flood management, water conservation, or groundwater agencies that have developed, served, controlled, managed, or conserved water of any type for any purpose in the county or city for which the plan is prepared. Coordination shall include the discussion and evaluation of any water supply and demand information described in Section 65352.5, if that information has been submitted by the water agency to the city or county.
  - (2) The conservation element may also cover all of the following:
  - (A) The reclamation of land and waters.
  - (B) Prevention and control of the pollution of streams and other waters.
- (C) Regulation of the use of land in stream channels and other areas required for the accomplishment of the conservation plan.

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- (D) Prevention, control, and correction of the erosion of soils, beaches, and shores.
  - (E) Protection of watersheds.
- (F) The location, quantity and quality of the rock, sand and gravel resources.
- (3) Upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2009, the conservation element shall identify rivers, creeks, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitats, and land that may accommodate floodwater for purposes of groundwater recharge and stormwater management.
- (e) An open-space element as provided in Article 10.5 (commencing with Section 65560).
- (f) (1) A noise element which shall identify and appraise noise problems in the community. The noise element shall recognize the guidelines established by the Office of Noise Control in the State Department of Health Care Services and shall analyze and quantify, to the extent practicable, as determined by the legislative body, current and projected noise levels for all of the following sources:
  - (A) Highways and freeways.
  - (B) Primary arterials and major local streets.
- (C) Passenger and freight on-line railroad operations and ground rapid transit systems.
- (D) Commercial, general aviation, heliport, helistop, and military airport operations, aircraft overflights, jet engine test stands, and all other ground facilities and maintenance functions related to airport operation.
- (E) Local industrial plants, including, but not limited to, railroad classification yards.
- (F) Other ground stationary noise sources, including, but not limited to, military installations, identified by local agencies as contributing to the community noise environment.
- (2) Noise contours shall be shown for all of these sources and stated in terms of community noise equivalent level (CNEL) or day-night average level ( $L_{dn}$ ). The noise contours shall be prepared on the basis of noise monitoring or following generally accepted noise modeling techniques for the various sources identified in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive.
- (3) The noise contours shall be used as a guide for establishing a pattern of land uses in the land use element that minimizes the exposure of community residents to excessive noise.
- (4) The noise element shall include implementation measures and possible solutions that address existing and foreseeable noise problems, if any. The adopted noise element shall serve as a guideline for compliance with the state's noise insulation standards.
- (g) (1) A safety element for the protection of the community from any unreasonable risks associated with the effects of seismically induced surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, and dam failure; slope instability leading to mudslides and landslides; subsidence, liquefaction, and other seismic hazards identified pursuant to Chapter 7.8 (commencing with Section 2690) of Division 2 of the Public Resources

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Code, and other geologic hazards known to the legislative body; flooding; and wild land and urban fires. The safety element shall include mapping of known seismic and other geologic hazards. It shall also address evacuation routes, military installations, peakload water supply requirements, and minimum road widths and clearances around structures, as those items relate to identified fire and geologic hazards.

- (2) The safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2009, shall also do the following:
- (A) Identify information regarding flood hazards, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (i) Flood hazard zones. As used in this subdivision, "flood hazard zone" means an area subject to flooding that is delineated as either a special hazard area or an area of moderate or minimal hazard on an official flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The identification of a flood hazard zone does not imply that areas outside the flood hazard zones or uses permitted within flood hazard zones will be free from flooding or flood damage.
  - (ii) National Flood Insurance Program maps published by FEMA.
- (iii) Information about flood hazards that is available from the United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- (iv) Designated floodway maps that are available from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.
- (v) Dam failure inundation maps prepared pursuant to Section 8589.5 that are available from the Office of Emergency Services.
- (vi) Awareness Floodplain Mapping Program maps and 200-year flood plain maps that are or may be available from, or accepted by, the Department of Water Resources.
  - (vii) Maps of levee protection zones.
- (viii) Areas subject to inundation in the event of the failure of project or nonproject levees or floodwalls.
- (ix) Historical data on flooding, including locally prepared maps of areas that are subject to flooding, areas that are vulnerable to flooding after wildfires, and sites that have been repeatedly damaged by flooding.
- (x) Existing and planned development in flood hazard zones, including structures, roads, utilities, and essential public facilities.
- (xi) Local, state, and federal agencies with responsibility for flood protection, including special districts and local offices of emergency services.
- (B) Establish a set of comprehensive goals, policies, and objectives based on the information identified pursuant to subparagraph (A), for the protection of the community from the unreasonable risks of flooding, including, but not limited to:
  - (i) Avoiding or minimizing the risks of flooding to new development.
- (ii) Evaluating whether new development should be located in flood hazard zones, and identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if new development is located in flood hazard zones.
- (iii) Maintaining the structural and operational integrity of essential public facilities during flooding.

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- (iv) Locating, when feasible, new essential public facilities outside of flood hazard zones, including hospitals and health care facilities, emergency shelters, fire stations, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities or identifying construction methods or other methods to minimize damage if these facilities are located in flood hazard zones.
- (v) Establishing cooperative working relationships among public agencies with responsibility for flood protection.
- (C) Establish a set of feasible implementation measures designed to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives established pursuant to subparagraph (B).
- (3) After the initial revision of the safety element pursuant to paragraph (2), upon each revision of the housing element, the planning agency shall review and, if necessary, revise the safety element to identify new information that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element.
- (4) Cities and counties that have flood plain management ordinances that have been approved by FEMA that substantially comply with this section, or have substantially equivalent provisions to this subdivision in their general plans, may use that information in the safety element to comply with this subdivision, and shall summarize and incorporate by reference into the safety element the other general plan provisions or the flood plain ordinance, specifically showing how each requirement of this subdivision has been met.
- (5) Prior to the periodic review of its general plan and prior to preparing or revising its safety element, each city and county shall consult the California Geological Survey of the Department of Conservation, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, if the city or county is located within the boundaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District, as set forth in Section 8501 of the Water Code, and the Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of including information known by and available to the department, the office, and the board required by this subdivision.
- (6) To the extent that a county's safety element is sufficiently detailed and contains appropriate policies and programs for adoption by a city, a city may adopt that portion of the county's safety element that pertains to the city's planning area in satisfaction of the requirement imposed by this subdivision.
  - SEC. 2. Section 65302.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65302.7. (a) For the purposes of complying with Section 65302.5, each county or city located within the boundaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District, as set forth in Section 8501 of the Water Code, shall submit the draft element of, or draft amendment to, the safety element to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and to every local agency that provides flood protection to territory in the city or county at least 90 days prior to the adoption of, or amendment to, the safety element of its general plan.

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- (b) The Central Valley Flood Protection Board and each local agency described in paragraph (1) shall review the draft or an existing safety element and report their respective written recommendations to the planning agency within 60 days of the receipt of the draft or existing safety element. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board and each local agency shall review the draft or existing safety element and may offer written recommendations for changes to the draft or existing safety element regarding both of the following:
- (1) Uses of land and policies in areas subjected to flooding that will protect life, property, and natural resources from unreasonable risks associated with flooding.
- (2) Methods and strategies for flood risk reduction and protection within areas subjected to flooding.
- (c) Prior to the adoption of its draft element or draft amendments to the safety element, the board of supervisors of the county or the city council of a city shall consider the recommendations made by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and any local agency that provides flood protection to territory in the city or county. If the board of supervisors or the city council determines not to accept all or some of the recommendations, if any, made by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board or the local agency, the board of supervisors or the city council shall make findings that state its reasons for not accepting a recommendation and shall communicate those findings in writing to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board or to the local agency.
- (d) If the Central Valley Flood Protection Board's or the local agency's recommendations are not available within the time limits required by this section, the board of supervisors or the city council may act without those recommendations. The board of supervisors or city council shall consider the recommendations at the next time it considers amendments to its safety element.
- SEC. 3. Section 65303.4 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65303.4. The Department of Water Resources or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, as appropriate, and the Department of Fish and Game may develop site design and planning policies to assist local agencies which request help in implementing the general plan guidelines for meeting flood control objectives and other land management needs.
  - SEC. 4. Section 65352 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 65352. (a) Prior to action by a legislative body to adopt or substantially amend a general plan, the planning agency shall refer the proposed action to all of the following entities:
- (1) A city or county, within or abutting the area covered by the proposal, and any special district that may be significantly affected by the proposed action, as determined by the planning agency.
- (2) An elementary, high school, or unified school district within the area covered by the proposed action.
  - (3) The local agency formation commission.

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(4) An areawide planning agency whose operations may be significantly affected by the proposed action, as determined by the planning agency.

- (5) A federal agency if its operations or lands within its jurisdiction may be significantly affected by the proposed action, as determined by the planning agency.
- (6) (A) The branches of the United States Armed Forces that have provided the Office of Planning and Research with a California mailing address pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 65944 when the proposed action is within 1,000 feet of a military installation, or lies within special use airspace, or beneath a low-level flight path, as defined in Section 21098 of the Public Resources Code, provided that the United States Department of Defense provides electronic maps of low-level flight paths, special use airspace, and military installations at a scale and in an electronic format that is acceptable to the Office of Planning and Research.
- (B) Within 30 days of a determination by the Office of Planning and Research that the information provided by the Department of Defense is sufficient and in an acceptable scale and format, the office shall notify cities, counties, and cities and counties of the availability of the information on the Internet. Cities, counties, and cities and counties shall comply with subparagraph (A) within 30 days of receiving this notice from the office.
- (7) A public water system, as defined in Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, with 3,000 or more service connections, that serves water to customers within the area covered by the proposal. The public water system shall have at least 45 days to comment on the proposed plan, in accordance with subdivision (b), and to provide the planning agency with the information set forth in Section 65352.5.
- (8) The Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a proposed action within the boundaries of the district.
- (9) On and after March 1, 2005, a California Native American tribe, that is on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission, with traditional lands located within the city or county's jurisdiction.
- (10) The Central Valley Flood Protection Board for a proposed action within the boundaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District, as set forth in Section 8501 of the Water Code.
- (b) Each entity receiving a proposed general plan or amendment of a general plan pursuant to this section shall have 45 days from the date the referring agency mails it or delivers it in which to comment unless a longer period is specified by the planning agency.
- (c) (1) This section is directory, not mandatory, and the failure to refer a proposed action to the other entities specified in this section does not affect the validity of the action, if adopted.
- (2) To the extent that the requirements of this section conflict with the requirements of Chapter 4.4 (commencing with Section 65919), the requirements of Chapter 4.4 shall prevail.
  - SEC. 5. Section 65584.04 of the Government Code is amended to read:

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- 65584.04. (a) At least two years prior to a scheduled revision required by Section 65588, each council of governments, or delegate subregion as applicable, shall develop a proposed methodology for distributing the existing and projected regional housing need to cities, counties, and cities and counties within the region or within the subregion, where applicable pursuant to this section. The methodology shall be consistent with the objectives listed in subdivision (d) of Section 65584.
- (b) (1) No more than six months prior to the development of a proposed methodology for distributing the existing and projected housing need, each council of governments shall survey each of its member jurisdictions to request, at a minimum, information regarding the factors listed in subdivision (d) that will allow the development of a methodology based upon the factors established in subdivision (d).
- (2) The council of governments shall seek to obtain the information in a manner and format that is comparable throughout the region and utilize readily available data to the extent possible.
- (3) The information provided by a local government pursuant to this section shall be used, to the extent possible, by the council of governments, or delegate subregion as applicable, as source information for the methodology developed pursuant to this section. The survey shall state that none of the information received may be used as a basis for reducing the total housing need established for the region pursuant to Section 65584.01.
- (4) If the council of governments fails to conduct a survey pursuant to this subdivision, a city, county, or city and county may submit information related to the items listed in subdivision (d) prior to the public comment period provided for in subdivision (c).
- (c) Public participation and access shall be required in the development of the methodology and in the process of drafting and adoption of the allocation of the regional housing needs. Participation by organizations other than local jurisdictions and councils of governments shall be solicited in a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community. The proposed methodology, along with any relevant underlying data and assumptions, and an explanation of how information about local government conditions gathered pursuant to subdivision (b) has been used to develop the proposed methodology, and how each of the factors listed in subdivision (d) is incorporated into the methodology, shall be distributed to all cities, counties, any subregions, and members of the public who have made a written request for the proposed methodology. The council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, shall conduct at least one public hearing to receive oral and written comments on the proposed methodology.
- (d) To the extent that sufficient data is available from local governments pursuant to subdivision (b) or other sources, each council of governments, or delegate subregion as applicable, shall include the following factors to develop the methodology that allocates regional housing needs:
- (1) Each member jurisdiction's existing and projected jobs and housing relationship.

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(2) The opportunities and constraints to development of additional housing in each member jurisdiction, including all of the following:

- (A) Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to federal or state laws, regulations or regulatory actions, or supply and distribution decisions made by a sewer or water service provider other than the local jurisdiction that preclude the jurisdiction from providing necessary infrastructure for additional development during the planning period.
- (B) The availability of land suitable for urban development or for conversion to residential use, the availability of underutilized land, and opportunities for infill development and increased residential densities. The council of governments may not limit its consideration of suitable housing sites or land suitable for urban development to existing zoning ordinances and land use restrictions of a locality, but shall consider the potential for increased residential development under alternative zoning ordinances and land use restrictions. The determination of available land suitable for urban development may exclude lands where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Department of Water Resources has determined that the flood management infrastructure designed to protect that land is not adequate to avoid the risk of flooding.
- (C) Lands preserved or protected from urban development under existing federal or state programs, or both, designed to protect open space, farmland, environmental habitats, and natural resources on a long-term basis.
- (D) County policies to preserve prime agricultural land, as defined pursuant to Section 56064, within an unincorporated area.
- (3) The distribution of household growth assumed for purposes of a comparable period of regional transportation plans and opportunities to maximize the use of public transportation and existing transportation infrastructure.
  - (4) The market demand for housing.
- (5) Agreements between a county and cities in a county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county.
- (6) The loss of units contained in assisted housing developments, as defined in paragraph (8) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583, that changed to non-low-income use through mortgage prepayment, subsidy contract expirations, or termination of use restrictions.
  - (7) High-housing cost burdens.
  - (8) The housing needs of farmworkers.
- (9) The housing needs generated by the presence of a private university or a campus of the California State University or the University of California within any member jurisdiction.
  - (10) Any other factors adopted by the council of governments.
- (e) The council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, shall explain in writing how each of the factors described in subdivision (d) was incorporated into the methodology and how the methodology is consistent with subdivision (d) of Section 65584. The methodology may include numerical weighting.

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- (f) Any ordinance, policy, voter-approved measure, or standard of a city or county that directly or indirectly limits the number of residential building permits issued by a city or county shall not be a justification for a determination or a reduction in the share of a city or county of the regional housing need.
- (g) In addition to the factors identified pursuant to subdivision (d), the council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, shall identify any existing local, regional, or state incentives, such as a priority for funding or other incentives available to those local governments that are willing to accept a higher share than proposed in the draft allocation to those local governments by the council of governments or delegate subregion pursuant to Section 65584.05.
- (h) Following the conclusion of the 60-day public comment period described in subdivision (c) on the proposed allocation methodology, and after making any revisions deemed appropriate by the council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, as a result of comments received during the public comment period, each council of governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, shall adopt a final regional, or subregional, housing need allocation methodology and provide notice of the adoption of the methodology to the jurisdictions within the region, or delegate subregion as applicable, and to the department.
- SEC. 6. Section 65584.06 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65584.06. (a) For cities and counties without a council of governments, the department shall determine and distribute the existing and projected housing need, in accordance with Section 65584 and this section. If the department determines that a county or counties, supported by a resolution adopted by the board or boards of supervisors, and a majority of cities within the county or counties representing a majority of the population of the county or counties, possess the capability and resources and has agreed to accept the responsibility, with respect to its jurisdiction, for the distribution of the regional housing need, the department shall delegate this responsibility to the cities and county or counties.
- (b) The distribution of regional housing need shall, based upon available data and in consultation with the cities and counties, take into consideration market demand for housing, the distribution of household growth within the county assumed in the regional transportation plan where applicable, employment opportunities and commuting patterns, the availability of suitable sites and public facilities, agreements between a county and cities in a county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county, or other considerations as may be requested by the affected cities or counties and agreed to by the department. As part of the allocation of the regional housing need, the department shall provide each city and county with data describing the assumptions and methodology used in calculating its share of the regional housing need. Consideration of suitable housing sites or land suitable for urban development is not limited to existing zoning ordinances and land use restrictions of a locality, but shall include consideration of the potential for increased residential development under alternative zoning

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ordinances and land use restrictions. The determination of available land suitable for urban development may exclude lands where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Department of Water Resources has determined that the flood management infrastructure designed to protect that land is not adequate to avoid the risk of flooding.

- (c) Within 90 days following the department's determination of a draft distribution of the regional housing need to the cities and the county, a city or county may propose to revise the determination of its share of the regional housing need in accordance with criteria set forth in the draft distribution. The proposed revised share shall be based upon comparable data available for all affected jurisdictions, and accepted planning methodology, and shall be supported by adequate documentation.
- (d) (1) Within 60 days after the end of the 90-day time period for the revision by the cities or county, the department shall accept the proposed revision, modify its earlier determination, or indicate why the proposed revision is inconsistent with the regional housing need.
- (2) If the department does not accept the proposed revision, then, within 30 days, the city or county may request a public hearing to review the determination.
- (3) The city or county shall be notified within 30 days by certified mail, return receipt requested, of at least one public hearing regarding the determination.
- (4) The date of the hearing shall be at least 10 but not more than 15 days from the date of the notification.
- (5) Before making its final determination, the department shall consider all comments received and shall include a written response to each request for revision received from a city or county.
- (e) If the department accepts the proposed revision or modifies its earlier determination, the city or county shall use that share. If the department grants a revised allocation pursuant to subdivision (d), the department shall ensure that the total regional housing need is maintained. The department's final determination shall be in writing and shall include information explaining how its action is consistent with this section. If the department indicates that the proposed revision is inconsistent with the regional housing need, the city or county shall use the share that was originally determined by the department. The department, within its final determination, may adjust the allocation of a city or county that was not the subject of a request for revision of the draft distribution.
- (f) The department shall issue a final regional housing need allocation for all cities and counties within 45 days of the completion of the local review period.
- SEC. 7. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service charges, fees, or assessments

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sufficient to pay for the program or level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code.

# Assembly Bill No. 1965

## **CHAPTER 554**

An act to amend Section 65007 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 9610 of the Water Code, relating to land use.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1965, Pan. Land use.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to develop preliminary maps for the 100- and 200-year flood plains protected by project levees, as specified, and to provide the preliminary maps to cities and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

This bill would additionally require the department, on or before July 2, 2013, to release floodplain maps, as specified, and the available data as to the water surface elevation of flooding in urban areas, as specified. The bill would provide that the department's issuance of floodplain maps are not subject to the review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law, as specified. The bill would provide that the state or any state agency is not liable for any claim based upon the reasonable exercise or performance of a discretionary or ministerial function or duty pursuant to this provision. The bill would incorporate additional changes pursuant to SB 1278, as specified.

This bill would become operative only if SB 1278 is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2013, and this bill is enacted last.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 65007 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65007. As used in this title, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) "Adequate progress" means all of the following:
- (1) The total project scope, schedule, and cost of the completed flood protection system have been developed to meet the appropriate standard of protection.
- (2) (A) Revenues that are sufficient to fund each year of the project schedule developed in paragraph (1) have been identified and, in any given year and consistent with that schedule, at least 90 percent of the revenues scheduled to be received by that year have been appropriated and are currently being expended.

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- (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for any year in which state funding is not appropriated consistent with an agreement between a state agency and a local flood management agency, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board may find that the local flood management agency is making adequate progress in working toward the completion of the flood protection system.
- (3) Critical features of the flood protection system are under construction, and each critical feature is progressing as indicated by the actual expenditure of the construction budget funds.
- (4) The city or county has not been responsible for a significant delay in the completion of the system.
- (5) The local flood management agency shall provide the Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board with the information specified in this subdivision sufficient to determine substantial completion of the required flood protection. The local flood management agency shall annually report to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board on the efforts in working toward completion of the flood protection system.
- (b) "Central Valley Flood Protection Plan" has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 9612 of the Water Code.
- (c) "Developed area" has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 59.1 of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (d) "Flood hazard zone" means an area subject to flooding that is delineated as either a special hazard area or an area of moderate hazard on an official flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The identification of flood hazard zones does not imply that areas outside the flood hazard zones, or uses permitted within flood hazard zones, will be free from flooding or flood damage.
- (e) "National Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection" means the level of flood protection that is necessary to withstand flooding that has a 1-in-100 chance of occurring in any given year using criteria developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for application in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- (f) "Nonurbanized area" means a developed area or an area outside a developed area in which there are fewer than 10,000 residents that is not an urbanizing area.
- (g) "Project levee" means any levee that is part of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.
- (h) "Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley" means lands in the bed or along or near the banks of the Sacramento River or San Joaquin River, or their tributaries or connected therewith, or upon any land adjacent thereto, or within the overflow basins thereof, or upon land susceptible to overflow therefrom. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley does not include lands lying within the Tulare Lake basin, including the Kings River.
- (i) "State Plan of Flood Control" has the same meaning as that set forth in subdivision (j) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (j) "Tulare Lake basin" means the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region as defined in the California Water Plan Update 2009, prepared by the

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Department of Water Resources pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 10004) of Part 1.5 of Division 6 of the Water Code.

- (k) "Undetermined risk area" means an urban or urbanizing area within a moderate flood hazard zone, as delineated on an official flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has not been determined to have an urban level of protection.
- (l) "Urban area" means a developed area in which there are 10,000 residents or more.
- (m) "Urbanizing area" means a developed area or an area outside a developed area that is planned or anticipated to have 10,000 residents or more within the next 10 years.
- (n) "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.
  - SEC. 2. Section 9610 of the Water Code is amended to read:
- 9610. (a) (1) By July 1, 2008, the department shall develop preliminary maps for the 100- and 200-year flood plains protected by project levees. The 100-year flood plain maps shall be prepared using criteria developed or accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- (2) The department shall use available information from the 2002 Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study, preliminary and regulatory FEMA flood insurance rate maps, recent flood plain studies, and other sources to compile preliminary maps.
- (3) The department shall provide the preliminary maps to cities and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley for use as best available information relating to flood protection.
- (4) The department shall post this information on the board's Internet Web site and may periodically update the maps as necessary.
- (b) By July 1, 2008, the department shall give notice to cities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley outside areas protected by project levees regarding maps and other information as to flood risks available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or another federal, state, or local agency.
- (c) On or before December 31, 2010, the department shall prepare a status report on the progress and development of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to Section 9612. The department shall post this information on the board's Internet Web site, and make it available to the public.
- (d) (1) On or before July 2, 2013, and for the purpose of providing information to cities and counties necessary for their determinations relating to level of flood protection, the department shall release flood plain maps that identify at a minimum the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control and the available data as to the water surface elevation of flooding in urban

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areas in the event of the failure of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control during flooding that has a 1-in-200 chance of occurring in any given year.

- (2) Concurrent with the release of these maps and for the purpose of assisting local agencies in determining their level of flood protection, the department shall make available levee reliability data for the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control identified in the maps.
- (e) The department's issuance of flood plain maps shall not be subject to the review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law or to any other requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- (f) The state, or any state agency, shall not be liable for any claim based upon the reasonable exercise or performance of a discretionary or ministerial function or duty on the part of a state agency or a state employee or officer in carrying out subdivision (d).
- SEC. 3. This act shall become operative only if Senate Bill 1278 is enacted and takes effect on or before January 1, 2013, and this bill is enacted last.

# Assembly Bill No. 1259

## **CHAPTER 246**

An act to amend Sections 65962 and 66474.5 of the Government Code, relating to flood management.

[Approved by Governor September 6, 2013. Filed with Secretary of State September 6, 2013.]

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1259, Olsen. Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

Existing law requires each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, within 24 months of the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, to amend its general plan to include specified data, policies, and implementation measures. The city or county is also required, within 36 months of the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, but not more than 12 months after the amendment of its general plan, to amend its zoning ordinance to be consistent with the general plan, as amended.

After the general plan amendments and zoning ordinance amendments have become effective, the city or county, unless it makes one of 3 specified findings, is prohibited from approving specified permits that would result in specified construction located within a flood hazard zone, and is required to deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for a subdivision located within the flood hazard zone.

This bill would include, among the findings that exempt a city or county from the above-described prohibition and requirement, a finding that property in an undetermined risk area has met the urban level of flood protection based on substantial evidence in the record.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 65962 of the Government Code is amended to read:

65962. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, after the amendments required by Sections 65302.9 and 65860.1 have become effective, each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall not approve a discretionary permit or other discretionary entitlement, or a ministerial permit that would result in the construction of a new residence, for a project that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, one of the following:

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- (1) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or other flood management facilities protect the project to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (2) The city or county has imposed conditions on the permit or discretionary entitlement that will protect the project to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (3) The local flood management agency has made adequate progress on the construction of a flood protection system which will result in flood protection equal to or greater than the urban level of flood protection in urban or urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas for property located within a flood hazard zone, intended to be protected by the system. For urban and urbanizing areas protected by project levees, the urban level of flood protection shall be achieved by 2025.
- (4) The property in an undetermined risk area has met the urban level of flood protection based on substantial evidence in the record.
- (b) The effective date of amendments referred to in this section shall be the date upon which the statutes of limitation specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65009 have run or, if the amendments and any associated environmental documents are challenged in court, the validity of the amendments and any associated environmental documents has been upheld in a final decision.
- (c) This section does not change or diminish existing requirements of local flood plain management laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations necessary to local agency participation in the national flood insurance program.
- SEC. 2. Section 66474.5 of the Government Code is amended to read: 66474.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, after the amendments required by Sections 65302.9 and 65860.1 have become effective, the legislative body of each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for a subdivision that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, one of the following:
- (1) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or other flood management facilities protect the subdivision to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (2) The city or county has imposed conditions on the subdivision that will protect the project to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (3) The local flood management agency has made adequate progress on the construction of a flood protection system which will result in flood

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protection equal to or greater than the urban level of flood protection in urban or urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas for property located within a flood hazard zone, intended to be protected by the system. For urban and urbanizing areas protected by project levees, the urban level of flood protection shall be achieved by 2025.

- (4) The property in an undetermined risk area has met the urban level of flood protection based on substantial evidence in the record.
- (b) The effective date of amendments referred to in this section shall be the date upon which the statutes of limitation specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65009 have run or, if the amendments and any associated environmental documents are challenged in court, the validity of the amendments and any associated environmental documents has been upheld in a final decision.
- (c) This section does not change or diminish existing requirements of local flood plain management laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations necessary to local agency participation in the national flood insurance program.

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# Senate Bill No. 5

## **CHAPTER 364**

An act to add Sections 65007, 65302.9, 65860.1, 65865.5, 65962, and 66474.5 to, the Government Code, to add Section 50465 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 8200) to Part 1 of, and to add Part 6 (commencing with Section 9600) to, Division 5 of, the Water Code, relating to flood management.

[Approved by Governor October 10, 2007. Filed with Secretary of State October 10, 2007.]

# LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

# SB 5, Machado. Flood management.

(1) The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city, county, and city and county to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city, county, or city and county that addresses a number of elements. The law authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to adopt zoning ordinances regulating, among other things, the use of buildings, structures, and land. The law authorizes a city or county to enter into a development agreement with a person having a legal or equitable interest in real property for the development of the property.

This bill would require each city, including a charter city, and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, within 24 months of the adoption of a specified flood protection plan by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, to amend its general plan to include data and analysis contained in that flood protection plan, goals and policies for the protection of lives and property that will reduce the risk of flood damage, and related feasible implementation measures. The bill would require each city, including a charter city, and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, within 36 months of the adoption of that flood protection plan but not more than 12 months after the amendment of the general plan under the bill's provisions, to amend its zoning ordinance so that it is consistent with the general plan, as amended. By establishing requirements on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

On the effective date of those amendments, a city, including a charter city, and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley would be prohibited from entering a development agreement for any property that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county makes certain findings, based on substantial evidence. On the effective date of those amendments, a city, including a charter city, and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley would also be prohibited from approving any discretionary permit or entitlement, or any ministerial permit that would result in the construction of a new residence, for a project that is located

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within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county makes certain findings, based on substantial evidence.

(2) The Subdivision Map Act requires the legislative body of a city or county to deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required under certain circumstances.

The bill, after the amendments to the general plan and the zoning ordinance described in (1) have become effective, would require the legislative body of each city, including a charter city, and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for any subdivision that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county makes specified findings, based on substantial evidence.

(3) The Department of Water Resources performs various flood control activities throughout the state. Existing law authorizes the Reclamation Board to engage in various flood control activities along the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River, their tributaries, and related areas.

This bill would require the department, on or before December 31, 2010, to prepare a strategic flood protection plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. The department would be required to prepare a plan identified as the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan not later than January 1, 2012, and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board would be required to adopt the plan not later than July 1, 2012. The bill would require the plan to include specified components, including a description of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management System, a description of the facilities included in the State Plan of Flood Control, an evaluation of the structural improvements necessary to bring each of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control to within its design standard, and a list of facilities recommended to be removed from the State Plan of Flood Control. The plan would be required to be updated every 5 years.

The bill would authorize the department to implement certain flood protection improvements before the adoption of the plan if the Director of Water Resources makes a specified determination. Upon the adoption of the plan by the board, certain facilities would be deemed to be a part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management System, and the board would be required to take action necessary to remove facilities from the State Plan of Flood Control that are recommended for removal in the plan.

The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2009, to propose for adoption and approval by the California Building Standards Commission updated requirements to the California Building Standards Code for construction in areas protected by the facilities of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan where levels are anticipated to exceed 3 feet for the 200-year flood event. The department would be required to develop a cost-sharing formula for specified bond funds for repairs or improvements of facilities included in the plan.

The bill would require each county, consistent with the adoption of the plan, to collaborate with cities within its jurisdiction to develop flood emergency plans. The bill would require each city, including a charter city,

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and county, consistent with the adoption of the plan, to collaborate with the state and local flood management agencies to provide cost-effective strategies for reducing flood risk to existing economically disadvantaged communities located in nonurbanized areas and to develop funding mechanisms to finance local flood protection responsibilities. By establishing new land use planning requirements on cities and counties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize a local agency to prepare a local plan of flood protection in accordance with specified requirements.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

(5) The bill would become operative only if AB 162 and SB 17 are enacted and become operative.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 65007 is added to the Government Code, to read: 65007. As used in this title, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) "Adequate progress" means all of the following:
- (1) The total project scope, schedule, and cost of the completed flood protection system have been developed to meet the appropriate standard of protection.
- (2) Revenues sufficient to fund each year of the project schedule developed in paragraph (1) have been identified and, in any given year and consistent with that schedule, at least 90 percent of the revenues scheduled to have been received by that year have been appropriated and are currently being expended.
- (3) Critical features of the flood protection system are under construction, and each critical feature is progressing as indicated by the actual expenditure of the construction budget funds.
- (4) The city or county has not been responsible for any significant delay in the completion of the system.
- (5) The local flood management agency shall provide the Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board with the information specified in this subdivision sufficiently to determine substantial completion of the required flood protection. The local flood management agency shall annually report to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board on the efforts in working toward completion of the flood protection system.
- (b) "Central Valley Flood Protection Plan" has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 9610 of the Water Code.
- (c) "Developed area" has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 59.1 of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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- (d) "Flood hazard zone" means an area subject to flooding that is delineated as either a special hazard area or an area of moderate hazard on an official flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The identification of flood hazard zones does not imply that areas outside the flood hazard zones, or uses permitted within flood hazard zones, will be free from flooding or flood damage.
- (e) "Nonurbanized area" means a developed area or an area outside a developed area in which there are less than 10,000 residents.
- (f) "Project levee" means any levee that is part of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, as defined in Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (g) "Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley" means any lands in the bed or along or near the banks of the Sacramento River or San Joaquin River, or any of their tributaries or connected therewith, or upon any land adjacent thereto, or within any of the overflow basins thereof, or upon any land susceptible to overflow therefrom. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley does not include lands lying within the Tulare Lake basin, including the Kings River.
- (h) "State Plan of Flood Control" has the same meaning as that set forth in subdivision (j) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (i) "Urban area" means a developed area in which there are 10,000 residents or more.
- (j) "Urbanizing area" means a developed area or an area outside a developed area that is planned or anticipated to have 10,000 residents or more within the next 10 years.
- (k) "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.
  - SEC. 2. Section 65302.9 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65302.9. (a) Within 24 months of the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board pursuant to Section 9612 of the Water Code, each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, shall amend its general plan to contain all of the following:
- (1) The data and analysis contained in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, including, but not limited to, the locations of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, the locations of other flood management facilities, the locations of the real property protected by those facilities, and the locations of flood hazard zones.
- (2) Goals, policies, and objectives, based on the data and analysis identified pursuant to paragraph (1), for the protection of lives and property that will reduce the risk of flood damage.
- (3) Feasible implementation measures designed to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives established pursuant to paragraph (2).
- (b) To assist each city or county in complying with this section, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the Department of Water Resources,

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and local flood agencies shall collaborate with cities or counties by providing them with information and other technical assistance.

- (c) In implementing this section, each city and county, both general law and charter, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, shall comply with this article, including, but not limited to, Sections 65300.5, 65300.7, 65300.9, and 65301.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this section applies to all cities, including charter cities, and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. The Legislature finds and declares that flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers drainage areas is a matter of statewide concern and not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
  - SEC. 3. Section 65860.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65860.1. (a) Within 36 months of the adoption Central Valley Flood Protection Plan by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board pursuant to Section 9612 of the Water Code, but not more than 12 months after the amendment of its general plan pursuant to Section 65302.9, each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall amend its zoning ordinance so that it is consistent with the general plan, as amended.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this section applies to all cities, including charter cities, and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. The Legislature finds and declares that flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers drainage areas is a matter of statewide concern and not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
  - SEC. 4. Section 65865.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65865.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after the amendments required by Section 65302.9 and 65860.1 have become effective, the legislative body of a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall not enter into a development agreement for any property that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, one of the following:
- (1) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or other flood management facilities protect the property to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (2) The city or county has imposed conditions on the development agreement that will protect the property to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (3) The local flood management agency has made adequate progress on the construction of a flood protection system which will result in flood protection equal to or greater than the urban level of flood protection in urban or urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas for property located within a flood hazard zone, intended to be protected by the system.

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For urban and urbanizing areas protected by project levees, the urban level of flood protection shall be achieved by 2025.

- (b) The effective date of amendments referred to in this section shall be the date upon which the statutes of limitation specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65009 have run or, if the amendments and any associated environmental documents are challenged in court, the validity of the amendments and any associated environmental documents has been upheld in a final decision.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change or diminish existing requirements of local floodplain management laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations necessary to local agency participation in the national flood insurance program.
  - SEC. 5. Section 65962 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65962. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after the amendments required by Sections 65302.9 and 65860.1 have become effective, each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall not approve any discretionary permit or other discretionary entitlement, or any ministerial permit that would result in the construction of a new residence, for a project that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, one of the following:
- (1) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or other flood management facilities protect the project to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (2) The city or county has imposed conditions on the permit or discretionary entitlement that will protect the project to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (3) The local flood management agency has made adequate progress on the construction of a flood protection system which will result in flood protection equal to or greater than the urban level of flood protection in urban or urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas for property located within a flood hazard zone, intended to be protected by the system. For urban and urbanizing areas protected by project levees, the urban level of flood protection shall be achieved by 2025.
- (b) The effective date of amendments referred to in this section shall be the date upon which the statutes of limitation specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65009 have run or, if the amendments and any associated environmental documents are challenged in court, the validity of the amendments and any associated environmental documents has been upheld in a final decision.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change or diminish existing requirements of local floodplain management laws, ordinances,

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resolutions, or regulations necessary to local agency participation in the national flood insurance program.

- SEC. 6. Section 66474.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 66474.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after the amendments required by Sections 65302.9 and 65860.1 have become effective, the legislative body of each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, for any subdivision that is located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, one of the following:
- (1) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or other flood management facilities protect the subdivision to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (2) The city or county has imposed conditions on the subdivision that will protect the project to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (3) The local flood management agency has made adequate progress on the construction of a flood protection system which will result in flood protection equal to or greater than the urban level of flood protection in urban or urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas for property located within a flood hazard zone, intended to be protected by the system. For urban and urbanizing areas protected by project levees, the urban level of flood protection shall be achieved by 2025.
- (b) The effective date of amendments referred to in this section shall be the date upon which the statutes of limitation specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65009 have run or, if the amendments and any associated environmental documents are challenged in court, the validity of the amendments and any associated environmental documents has been upheld in a final decision.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change or diminish existing requirements of local floodplain management laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations necessary to local agency participation in the national flood insurance program.
- SEC. 7. Section 50465 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read: 50465. (a) On or before January 1, 2009, the Department of Water Resources shall propose for adoption and approval by the California Building Standards Commission updated requirements to the California Building Standards Code for construction in areas protected by the facilities of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan where flood levels are anticipated to exceed three feet for the 200-year flood event. The amendments to the California Building Standards Code shall be sufficient to reduce the risk of flood damage and to protect life, safety, and the construction in those areas.
- (b) Before the department proposes the amendments to the California Building Standards Code required pursuant to subdivision (a), the department

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shall consult with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the Division of the State Architect, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

SEC. 8. Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 8200) is added to Part 1 of Division 5 of the Water Code, to read:

#### CHAPTER 4. LOCAL PLANS OF FLOOD PROTECTION

- 8200. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Local Flood Protection Planning Act.
- 8201. (a) A local agency may prepare a local plan of flood protection in accordance with this chapter.
  - (b) A local plan of flood protection shall include all of the following:
- (1) A strategy to meet the urban level of flood protection, including planning for residual flood risk and system resiliency.
  - (2) Identification of all types of flood hazards.
- (3) Identification and risk assessment of the various facilities that provide flood protection for flood hazard areas, for current and future land uses.
  - (4) Identification of current and future flood corridors.
- (5) Identification of needed improvements and costs of those improvements to the flood protection facilities that are necessary to meet flood protection standards.
  - (6) An emergency response and evacuation plan for flood-prone areas.
- (7) A strategy to achieve multiple benefits, including flood protection, groundwater recharge, ecosystem health, and reduced maintenance costs over the long term.
- (8) A long-term funding strategy for improvement and ongoing maintenance and operation of flood protection facilities.
- (c) A local agency that is not a city or county that prepares a plan pursuant to this chapter must consult with the cities and counties that have jurisdiction over the planning area to assure that the local plan of flood protection is consistent with local general plans.
- (d) Plans prepared pursuant to this chapter, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley as defined by Section 9602, shall be consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to Section 9610.
- SEC. 9. Part 6 (commencing with Section 9600) is added to Division 5 of the Water Code, to read:

# PART 6. CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION

## CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 9600. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Central Valley Flood Protection Act of 2008.
  - 9601. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

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- (a) The Central Valley of California is experiencing unprecedented development, resulting in the conversion of historically agricultural lands and communities to densely populated residential and urban centers.
- (b) The Legislature recognizes that by their nature, levees, which are earthen embankments typically founded on fluvial deposits, cannot offer complete protection from flooding, but can decrease its frequency.
- (c) The Legislature recognizes that the level of flood protection afforded rural and agricultural lands by the original flood control system would not be adequate to protect those lands if they are developed for urban uses, and that a dichotomous system of flood protection for urban and rural lands has developed through many years of practice.
- (d) The Legislature further recognizes that levees built to reclaim and protect agricultural land may be inadequate to protect urban development unless those levees are significantly improved.
- (e) Cities and counties rely upon federal flood plain information when approving developments, but the information available is often out of date and the flood risk may be greater than that indicated using available federal information.
- (f) The Legislature recognizes that the current federal flood standard is not sufficient in protecting urban and urbanizing areas within flood prone areas throughout the Central Valley.
- (g) Linking land use decisions to flood risk and flood protection estimates comprises only one element of improving lives and property in the Central Valley. Federal, state, and local agencies may construct and operate flood protection facilities to reduce flood risks, but flood risks will nevertheless remain for those who choose to reside in Central Valley flood plains. Making those flood risks more apparent will help ensure that Californians make careful choices when deciding whether to build homes or live in Central Valley flood plains, and if so, whether to prepare for flooding or maintain flood insurance.
- 9602. Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions set forth in this section govern the construction of this part.
  - (a) "Board" means the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.
  - (b) "Plan" means the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
- (c) "Project levee" means any levee that is part of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, as defined in Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (d) "Public safety infrastructure" means public safety infrastructure necessary to respond to a flood emergency, including, but not limited to, street and highway evacuation routes, public utilities necessary for public health and safety, including drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities, and hospitals.
- (e) "Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley" means any lands in the bed or along or near the banks of the Sacramento River or San Joaquin River, or any of their tributaries or connected therewith, or upon any land adjacent thereto, or within any of the overflow basins thereof, or upon any land susceptible to overflow therefrom. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley

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does not include lands lying within the Tulare Lake basin, including the Kings River.

- (f) "State Plan of Flood Control" has the meaning set forth in subdivision (j) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (g) "System" means the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management System described in Section 9611.
- (h) "Urban area" has the same meaning as that set forth in subdivision (k) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (i) "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.
- 9603. (a) The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan shall be a descriptive document, and neither the plan nor anything in this part shall be construed to expand the liability of the state for the operation or maintenance of any flood management facility beyond the scope of the State Plan of Flood Control, except as specifically determined by the board pursuant to Section 9611. Neither the development nor the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan shall be construed to constitute any commitment by the state to provide, to continue to provide, or to maintain at, or to increase flood protection to, any particular level.
- (b) The Central Valley Flood Protection Plan reflects a systemwide approach to protecting the lands currently protected from flooding by existing facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control. Any flood protection benefits accruing to lands or communities outside the State Plan of Flood Control are incidental and shall not constitute any commitment by the state to provide, to continue to provide, or to maintain at, or to increase flood protection to, any particular level.

# CHAPTER 2. PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- 9610. (a) By July 1, 2008, the department shall develop preliminary maps for the 100 and 200 year floodplains protected by project levees. The 100 year floodplain maps shall be prepared using criteria developed or accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- (1) The department shall use available information from the 2002 Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basin Comprehensive Study, preliminary and regulatory FEMA flood insurance rate maps, recent floodplain studies and other sources to compile preliminary maps.
- (2) The department shall provide the preliminary maps to cities and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley for use as best available information relating to flood protection.
- (3) The department shall post this information on the boards Internet Web site and may periodically update the maps as necessary.
- (b) By July 1, 2008, the department shall give notice to cities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley outside areas protected by project levees

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regarding maps and other information as to flood risks available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other federal, state or local agency.

- (c) On or before December 31, 2010, the department shall prepare a status report on the progress and development of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to Section 9612. The department shall post this information on the board's Internet Web site, and make it available to the public.
- 9611. The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management System comprises all of the following:
- (a) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control as that plan may be amended pursuant to this part.
- (b) Any existing dam, levee, or other flood management facility that is not part of the State Plan of Flood Control if the board determines, upon recommendation of the department, that the facility does one or more of the following:
- (1) Provides significant systemwide benefits for managing flood risks within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.
  - (2) Protects urban areas within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.
- (c) Upon completion of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to this part, the department may identify and propose to the board additional structural and nonstructural facilities that may become facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. The board may add those facilities to the State Plan of Flood Control based on a determination showing how the facility accomplishes the purposes identified in subdivision (b).
- (d) For the purposes of subdivision (c), facilities that may become facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control include bypasses, floodway corridors, flood plain storage, or other projects that expand the capacity of the flood protection system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to provide flood protection.
- 9612. (a) The department shall prepare, and the board shall adopt, a plan identified as the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan in accordance with this part.
- (b) No later than January 1, 2012, the department shall prepare the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan in accordance with this part, and shall transmit the plan to the board, which shall adopt the plan no later than July 1, 2012.
- (c) The board shall hold at least two hearings to receive comments on the proposed plan. At least one hearing shall be held in the Sacramento Valley and at least one hearing shall be held in the San Joaquin Valley. The board shall also accept comments in writing with regard to the proposed plan.
- (d) The board may make changes to the proposed plan to resolve issues raised in the hearings or to respond to comments received by the board. The board shall publish its proposed changes to the proposed plan at least two weeks before adopting the plan.
  - (e) The plan shall be updated in subsequent years ending in 2 and 7.

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- (f) The department or the board may appoint one or more advisory committees to assist in the preparation of the plan. If the department or the board appoints one or more advisory committees, the advisory committee or committees shall include representation by interested organizations.
- 9613. (a) Consistent with subdivision (b) of Section 5096.821 of the Public Resources Code, the department may implement flood protection improvements for urban areas protected by facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control before the adoption of Central Valley Flood Protection Plan if the director determines, in writing, that all of the following apply:
- (1) The improvements are necessary and require state funding before the completion of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan prepared pursuant to Section 9612.
- (2) The improvements will reduce or avoid risk to human life in one or more urban areas.
- (3) The improvements will not impair or impede future changes to regional flood protection or the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
- (4) The improvements will be maintained by a local agency that has committed sufficient funding to maintain both the existing and improved facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.
- (5) The affected cities, counties, and other public agencies will have sufficient revenue resources for the operation and maintenance of the facility.
- (6) Upon the allocation of funds for a project, the proposed project is ready for implementation.
  - (7) The improvements comply with existing law.
- (b) The flood protection improvements authorized by this section may include improvements to specific facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or acquisition of flood easements for floodways that support facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control to increase levels of flood protection for urban areas in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 5096.821 of the Public Resources Code.
- (c) The department and the board shall investigate and evaluate the feasibility of potential bypasses or floodways that would significantly reduce flood stage in the San Joaquin River Watershed, upstream and south of Paradise Cut.
  - 9614. The plan shall include all of the following:
- (a) A description of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Flood Management System and the cities and counties included in the system.
- (b) A description of the performance of the system and the challenges to modifying the system to provide appropriate levels of flood protection using available information.
- (c) A description of the facilities included in the State Plan of Flood Control, including all of the following:
- (1) The precise location and a brief description of each facility, a description of the population and property protected by the facility, the system benefits provided by the facility, if any, and a brief history of the facility, including the year of construction, major improvements to the facility, and any failures of the facility.

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- (2) The design capacity of each facility.
- (3) A description and evaluation of the performance of each facility, including the following:
  - (A) An evaluation of failure risks due to each of the following:
  - (i) Overtopping.
  - (ii) Under seepage and seepage.
  - (iii) Structural failure.
- (iv) Other sources of risk, including seismic risks, that the department or the board determines are applicable.
- (B) A description of any uncertainties regarding performance capability, including uncertainties arising from the need for additional engineering evaluations or uncertainties arising from changed conditions such as changes in estimated channel capacities.
- (d) A description of each existing dam that is not part of the State Plan of Flood Control that provides either significant systemwide benefits for managing flood risks within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley or protects urban areas within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.
- (e) A description of each existing levee and other flood management facility not described in subdivision (d) that is not part of the State Plan of Flood Control that provides either significant systemwide benefits for managing flood risks within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley or protects an urban area as defined by subdivision (k) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (f) A description of the probable impacts of projected climate change, projected land use patterns, and other potential flood management challenges on the ability of the system to provide adequate levels of flood protection.
- (g) An evaluation of the structural improvements and repairs necessary to bring each of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control to within its design standard. The evaluation shall include a prioritized list of recommended actions necessary to bring each facility not identified in subdivision (h) to within its design standard.
- (h) The evaluation shall include a list of facilities recommended to be removed from the State Plan of Flood Control. For each facility recommended for removal, the evaluation shall identify both of the following:
- (1) The reasons for proposing the removal of the facility from the State Plan of Flood Control.
- (2) Any additional recommended actions associated with removing the facility from the State Plan of Flood Control.
- (i) A description of both structural and nonstructural methods for providing an urban level of flood protection to current urban areas where an urban area means the same as set forth in subdivision (k) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code. The description shall also include a list of recommended next steps to improve urban flood protection.
- (j) A description of structural and nonstructural means for enabling or improving systemwide riverine ecosystem function, including, but not

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limited to, establishment of riparian habitat and seasonal inundation of available flood plains where feasible.

- 9615. For the purposes of preparing the plan, the department shall collaborate with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the owners and operators of flood management facilities.
- 9616. (a) The plan shall include a description of both structural and nonstructural means for improving the performance and elimination of deficiencies of levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities, including facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, and, wherever feasible, meet multiple objectives, including each of the following:
- (1) Reduce the risk to human life, health, and safety from flooding, including protection of public safety infrastructure.
- (2) Expand the capacity of the flood protection system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to either reduce floodflows or convey floodwaters away from urban areas.
  - (3) Link the flood protection system with the water supply system.
  - (4) Reduce flood risks in currently nonurbanized areas.
- (5) Increase the engagement of local agencies willing to participate in improving flood protection, ensuring a better connection between state flood protection decisions and local land use decisions.
- (6) Improve flood protection for urban areas to the urban level of flood protection.
  - (7) Promote natural dynamic hydrologic and geomorphic processes.
  - (8) Reduce damage from flooding.
- (9) Increase and improve the quantity, diversity, and connectivity of riparian, wetland, flood plain, and shaded riverine aquatic habitats, including the agricultural and ecological values of these lands.
- (10) Minimize the flood management system operation and maintenance requirements.
- (11) Promote the recovery and stability of native species populations and overall biotic community diversity.
- (12) Identify opportunities and incentives for expanding or increasing use of floodway corridors.
- (13) Provide a feasible, comprehensive, and long-term financing plan for implementing the plan.
- (14) Identify opportunities for reservoir reoperation in conjunction with groundwater flood storage.
- (b) The plan shall include a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce flood risks and meet the objectives described in subdivision (a).

#### Chapter 3. Plan Implementation

- 9620. Upon the adoption of the plan by the board, all of the following apply:
- (a) The facilities identified pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 9614 shall be deemed to be part of the system.

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- (b) The board shall act on the recommendations to remove facilities identified pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 9614 from the State Plan of Flood Control.
- (c) The department shall develop a recommended schedule and funding plan to implement the recommendations of the plan. To develop the recommended schedule and funding plan, the department may collaborate with local and federal agencies.
- 9621. Consistent with the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to this part, each county shall collaborate with cities within its jurisdiction to develop flood emergency plans within 24 months of the adoption of the plan.
- 9622. Consistent with the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to this part, each city, county, and city and county shall collaborate with the state and local flood management agencies to provide relocation assistance or other cost-effective strategies for reducing flood risk to existing economically disadvantaged communities located in nonurbanized areas.
- 9623. Consistent with the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to this part, each city, county, and city and county shall collaborate with the state and local flood management agencies to develop funding mechanisms to finance local flood protection responsibilities by January 1, 2010.
- 9624. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this part applies to all cities, including charter cities, and counties included in the plan pursuant to Section 9614. The Legislature finds and declares that flood protection in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley is a matter of statewide concern and not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- 9625. (a) By January 1, 2010, the department shall develop cost-sharing formulas, as needed, for funds made available by the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Chapter 1.699 (commencing with Section 5096.800) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code) and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Division 43 (commencing with Section 75001) of the Public Resources Code) for repairs or improvements of facilities included in the plan to determine the local share of the cost of design and construction.
- (b) The cost-share formulas developed by the department shall be established pursuant to Section 12585.7.
- (c) In developing cost-share formulas, the department shall consider the ability of local governments to pay their share of the capital costs of the project.
- (d) Prior to finalizing cost-share formulas, the department shall conduct public meetings to consider public comments. The department shall post the draft cost-share formula on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before the public meetings. To the extent feasible, the department shall provide

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outreach to disadvantaged communities to promote access and participation in the meetings.

SEC. 10. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

SEC. 11. This act shall become operative only if Assembly Bill 162 and Senate Bill 17 of the 2007–08 Regular Session of the Legislature are enacted and become operative.

# Senate Bill No. 1278

## **CHAPTER 553**

An act to amend Sections 65007, 65302.9, 65860.1, and 65865.5 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 9610 of the Water Code, relating to land use.

[Approved by Governor September 25, 2012. Filed with Secretary of State September 25, 2012.]

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1278, Wolk. Planning and zoning: flood protection: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

(1) Existing law requires each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to amend its general plan, as specified, within 24 months of the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. Existing law requires the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the Department of Water Resources, and local flood agencies to collaborate with cities or counties by providing the cities and counties with information and other technical assistance to assist with complying with these requirements.

This bill would instead require each city and county to amend its general plan, as specified, within 24 months of July 2, 2013.

(2) Existing law prohibits a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley from entering into a development agreement for property that is located in a flood hazard zone unless the city or county makes specified findings, including, among others, that certain conditions have been imposed by the city or county.

This bill would additionally authorize a city or county to make a finding that the property in an undetermined risk area, as defined, has met the urban level of flood protection, as specified.

(3) Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to develop preliminary maps for the 100- and 200-year flood plains protected by project levees, as specified, and to provide the preliminary maps to cities and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

This bill would additionally require the department, on or before July 2, 2013, to release floodplain maps, as specified, and the available data as to the water surface elevation of flooding in urban areas, as specified. The bill would provide that the department's issuance of floodplain maps are not subject to, among other things, the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Endangered Species Act. This bill would provide that the state or any state agency is not liable for any claim based upon the exercise or performance of a discretionary or ministerial function or duty pursuant to these provisions, as specified.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 65007 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- 65007. As used in this title, the following terms have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:
  - (a) "Adequate progress" means all of the following:
- (1) The total project scope, schedule, and cost of the completed flood protection system have been developed to meet the appropriate standard of protection.
- (2) (A) Revenues that are sufficient to fund each year of the project schedule developed in paragraph (1) have been identified and, in any given year and consistent with that schedule, at least 90 percent of the revenues scheduled to be received by that year have been appropriated and are currently being expended.
- (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for any year in which state funding is not appropriated consistent with an agreement between a state agency and a local flood management agency, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board may find that the local flood management agency is making adequate progress in working toward the completion of the flood protection system.
- (3) Critical features of the flood protection system are under construction, and each critical feature is progressing as indicated by the actual expenditure of the construction budget funds.
- (4) The city or county has not been responsible for a significant delay in the completion of the system.
- (5) The local flood management agency shall provide the Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board with the information specified in this subdivision sufficient to determine substantial completion of the required flood protection. The local flood management agency shall annually report to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board on the efforts in working toward completion of the flood protection system.
- (b) "Central Valley Flood Protection Plan" has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 9612 of the Water Code.
- (c) "Developed area" has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 59.1 of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (d) "Flood hazard zone" means an area subject to flooding that is delineated as either a special hazard area or an area of moderate hazard on an official flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The identification of flood hazard zones does not imply that areas outside the flood hazard zones, or uses permitted within flood hazard zones, will be free from flooding or flood damage.
- (e) "National Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection" means the level of flood protection that is necessary to withstand flooding that has a 1-in-100 chance of occurring in any given year using criteria developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for application in the National Flood Insurance Program.

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- (f) "Nonurbanized area" means a developed area or an area outside a developed area in which there are fewer than 10,000 residents that is not an urbanizing area.
- (g) "Project levee" means any levee that is part of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control.
- (h) "Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley" means lands in the bed or along or near the banks of the Sacramento River or San Joaquin River, or their tributaries or connected therewith, or upon any land adjacent thereto, or within the overflow basins thereof, or upon land susceptible to overflow therefrom. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley does not include lands lying within the Tulare Lake basin, including the Kings River.
- (i) "State Plan of Flood Control" has the same meaning as that set forth in subdivision (j) of Section 5096.805 of the Public Resources Code.
- (j) "Tulare Lake basin" means the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region as defined in the California Water Plan Update 2009, prepared by the Department of Water Resources pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 10004) of Part 1.5 of Division 6 of the Water Code.
- (k) "Undetermined risk area" means an urban or urbanizing area within a moderate flood hazard zone, as delineated on an official flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has not been determined to have an urban level of protection.
- (1) "Urban area" means a developed area in which there are 10,000 residents or more.
- (m) "Urbanizing area" means a developed area or an area outside a developed area that is planned or anticipated to have 10,000 residents or more within the next 10 years.
- (n) "Urban level of flood protection" means the level of protection that is necessary to withstand flooding from a leveed riverine system 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.
- SEC. 2. Section 65302.9 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65302.9. (a) Within 24 months of July 2, 2013, each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall amend its general plan to contain all of the following:
- (1) (A) The data and analysis contained in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to Section 9612 of the Water Code, including, but not limited to, the locations of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control and the locations of the real property protected by those facilities.
- (B) The locations of flood hazard zones, including, but not limited to, locations mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map or the Flood Hazard Boundary Map, locations that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, locations of undetermined risk areas, and locations mapped by a local flood agency or flood district.

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- (2) Goals, policies, and objectives, based on the data and analysis identified pursuant to paragraph (1), for the protection of lives and property that will reduce the risk of flood damage.
- (3) Feasible implementation measures designed to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives established pursuant to paragraph (2).
- (b) An undetermined risk area shall be presumed to be at risk during flooding that has a 1-in-200 chance of occurring in any given year unless deemed otherwise by the State Plan of Flood Control, an official National Flood Insurance Program rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or a finding made by a city or county based on a determination of substantial evidence by a local flood agency.
- (c) To assist each city or county in complying with this section, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, the Department of Water Resources, and local flood agencies shall collaborate with cities or counties by providing them with information and other technical assistance.
- (d) In implementing this section, each city and county, both general law and charter, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, shall comply with this article, including, but not limited to, Sections 65300.5, 65300.7, 65300.9, and 65301.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other law, this section shall apply to all cities, including charter cities, and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. The Legislature finds and declares that flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers drainage areas is a matter of statewide concern and not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- (f) This section shall not be construed to limit or remove any liability of a city or county prior to the amendment of the general plan except as provided in Section 8307 of the Water Code.
- SEC. 3. Section 65860.1 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65860.1. (a) Not more than 12 months after the amendment of its general plan pursuant to Section 65302.9, each city and county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall amend its zoning ordinance so that it is consistent with the general plan, as amended.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other law, this section shall apply to all cities, including charter cities, and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. The Legislature finds and declares that flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers drainage areas is a matter of statewide concern and not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- (c) This section shall not be construed to limit or remove any liability of a city or county prior to the amendment of the zoning ordinance except as provided in Section 8307 of the Water Code.
- SEC. 4. Section 65865.5 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65865.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, after the amendments required by Sections 65302.9 and 65860.1 have become effective, the legislative body of a city or county within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley shall not enter into a development agreement for property that is

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located within a flood hazard zone unless the city or county finds, based on substantial evidence in the record, one of the following:

- (1) The facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control or other flood management facilities protect the property to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (2) The city or county has imposed conditions on the development agreement that will protect the property to the urban level of flood protection in urban and urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas.
- (3) The local flood management agency has made adequate progress on the construction of a flood protection system that will result in flood protection equal to or greater than the urban level of flood protection in urban or urbanizing areas or the national Federal Emergency Management Agency standard of flood protection in nonurbanized areas for property located within a flood hazard zone, intended to be protected by the system. For urban and urbanizing areas protected by project levees, the urban level of flood protection shall be achieved by 2025.
- (4) The property in an undetermined risk area has met the urban level of flood protection based on substantial evidence in the record.
- (b) The effective date of amendments referred to in this section shall be the date upon which the statutes of limitation specified in subdivision (c) of Section 65009 have run or, if the amendments and any associated environmental documents are challenged in court, the validity of the amendments and any associated environmental documents has been upheld in a final decision.
- (c) This section does not change or diminish existing requirements of local flood plain management laws, ordinances, resolutions, or regulations necessary to local agency participation in the national flood insurance program.
  - SEC. 5. Section 9610 of the Water Code is amended to read:
- 9610. (a) (1) By July 1, 2008, the department shall develop preliminary maps for the 100- and 200-year flood plains protected by project levees. The 100-year flood plain maps shall be prepared using criteria developed or accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- (2) The department shall use available information from the 2002 Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study, preliminary and regulatory FEMA flood insurance rate maps, recent flood plain studies, and other sources to compile preliminary maps.
- (3) The department shall provide the preliminary maps to cities and counties within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley for use as best available information relating to flood protection.
- (4) The department shall post this information on the board's Internet Web site and may periodically update the maps as necessary.
- (b) By July 1, 2008, the department shall give notice to cities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley outside areas protected by project levees regarding maps and other information as to flood risks available from the

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Federal Emergency Management Agency or another federal, state, or local agency.

- (c) On or before December 31, 2010, the department shall prepare a status report on the progress and development of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan pursuant to Section 9612. The department shall post this information on the board's Internet Web site, and make it available to the public.
- (d) (1) On or before July 2, 2013, and for the purpose of providing information to cities and counties necessary for their determinations relating to level of flood protection, the department shall release flood plain maps that identify at a minimum the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control and the available data as to the water surface elevation of flooding in urban areas in the event of the failure of the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control during flooding that has a 1-in-200 chance of occurring in any given year.
- (2) Concurrent with the release of these maps and for the purpose of assisting local agencies in determining their level or flood protection, the department shall make available levee reliability data for the facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control identified in the maps.
- (e) The department's issuance of flood plain maps shall not be subject to any of the following:
- (1) The review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law or to any other requirements of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- (2) The California Environmental Quality Act or any other requirement of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code.
- (3) The California Endangered Species Act or any other requirement of Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code.
- (f) The state, or any state agency, shall not be liable for any claim based upon the exercise or performance of a discretionary or ministerial function or duty on the part of a state agency or a state employee or officer in carrying out this section.