

Brannan-Andrus Levee Maintenance District
Engineering Report
February 2026

Sacramento River Erosion Repair and Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Financing – Retention release has not yet moved to the Department of Finance and has been awaiting DWR upper management signatures for several weeks. DWR has been advised that if this has not been sent to the Department of Finance by early next week, we will be elevating this issue with DWR upper management.

Remaining irrigation and Weed Control – We anticipate a project completion of September 2026 and have estimated the remaining irrigation and weed control events. A no cost change order was issued to move budget from hand weeding to irrigation since we had exceeded our projected events and to cover anticipated events. Dutra adjusted the unit cost for hand weeding to account for use of mechanical tools as well as hand weeding.

Pipe Replacement – The work is underway, and materials are currently being fabricated.

Georgiana Slough Erosion Repair Project While we are pushing this project to Fall 2027, we still need to work through the permits. The US Army Corps of Engineers has substantial amount of comments that we are required to respond to. To note all permitting work on this project has 100% coverage in the special project grant.

2023 Storm Damage Update We continue to provide back-up to Cal OES as we work through final closeout.

Caltrans work at Highway 12 – A request has been sent to Caltrans to remove all the fencing equipment, and materials on the levee adjacent to Highway 12.

2026 Winter Storms Update Conditions have been unseasonably warm and dry, there could be rain coming mid-month, likely not significant. Snowpack is 59% of historic average, following the storms we had we had been at 89% of average.

Vegetation Management Approximately three miles of levee have been identified for goat grazing along Georgiana Slough and Sevenmile Slough. Grazing will begin after the close of bird nesting season in July. CDFW confirmed that grazing activities cannot occur during the nesting season.

Additionally, any herbicide application must be performed by a licensed applicator, or by staff working under the supervision of a licensed applicator.

Current/Upcoming Projects

Georgiana Slough/Sacramento River Waterside Erosion Repairs While repair projects are on hold this fall, permitting typically requires at least a one-year lead time. Applications will need to be submitted soon to ensure all authorizations are in place when construction can proceed. The most critical of these is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification.

Seepage: Sevenmile Slough Station 526+00 and Station 497+00 River levels have receded to normal levels and we are still looking at dry conditions. It may be prudent to schedule work starting the close of the flood season in April.

Georgiana Slough Station 263+00, Maddern House, this area had been looking dry but once water levels rose, there is water in that area again, although less than before.

District Encroachment Permit Review by Legal Counsel It is recommended that the District's encroachment permit conditions be reviewed by legal counsel, as they have not been evaluated recently.

Emergency Planning/Response There is a potential to get funding to purchase flood fight materials such as plastic, sandbags, and twine through the Yolo County Emergency Response Grant. Let me know if there are any specific materials this District may need.

Delta Conveyance Project The hearing for the appeals to the Certification of Consistency with the Delta Stewardship Council is February 26th and 27th. The appellants are scheduled for the 26th but nothing has been noted for public comment. The proceedings with the Change in Point of Diversion with the Waterboard are ongoing. Additionally, top gubernatorial candidates criticized the DCP at a recent environmental policy forum.

DWR Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS)/Program Mitigation This process is still underway, they are currently developing a steering committee. There are potential bulk credits that may be available from a mitigation site being restored on Zacharias Island.

Delta Conservancy – Formed a Carbon and Subsidence Review team with a goal to rewet 200,000 acres rewetted on deeply subsided ground by 2040. This group has several subteams, one is a flood funding subteam but no local flood managers are on that group.

Sincerely,

