



# Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions

The Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions Program provides funding on a cost-share basis to local levee maintaining agencies for rehabilitation and maintenance of levees in the [Delta](#). The program is authorized by the California Water Code to fund levee work with the purpose of preserving the Delta's invaluable resources including highly productive agriculture, recreational assets, fisheries, and wildlife. We periodically develop program criteria that are adopted by the [Central Valley Flood Protection Board](#) (CVFPB, formerly known as the Reclamation Board). The Subventions Program works closely with the Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Program, as well as with the Delta Ecosystem Enhancement Branch.

## Who can participate in the program?

- Levee maintaining agencies (LMAs)
- Reclamation districts (RDs)
- Other government agencies responsible for maintaining levees in the Delta

Program participants apply for funding annually to assist with levee work that meets DWR's goals and objectives for the Delta, which are guided by the California Water Action Plan and The Delta Plan. The CVFPB reviews and approves DWR's funding recommendations and enters into agreements with local agencies each year to reimburse eligible costs. The program periodically publishes a List of Active Islands.

## Program Guidelines:

- The Central Valley Flood Protection Board adopted revised 2016 Maintenance Subventions Guidelines in August 2016. These guidelines apply to Subvention funding applications beginning in 2017. Applications for 2016 and prior are guided by the 2011 Guidelines, Procedures, and Criteria. Addendum #1 incorporates the amendments to the California Water Code that became effective on July 1, 2018; these amendments may affect reimbursement to program participants.
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The Delta Levees Maintenance Subventions program was originally authorized in 1973. The passage of the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E) and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) authorized DWR to make additional funds available for the program. Since the passage of Propositions 1E and 84, the State has invested approximately \$200 million in flood control and habitat projects carried out by local agencies in the Delta under the program.

## [What we do](#)

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## [Apply for Funding](#)

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## Program History

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## Resources

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Bond Accountability

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