

**RD784/TRLIA Assessment  
vs.  
State Maintenance Area**



**COMPARISON OF RD784 O&M PROPOSED BUDGET  
vs.  
MAINTENANCE AREA 9 O&M BUDGET**

# Formation of Maintenance Areas



- **California Water Code Sec. 12878 governs:**
  - when the State can form a maintenance area;
  - how it will levy assessments for property owners who receive benefit for services provided by the Department of Water Resources Flood Control Branch.

# Water Code Section 12878



- 12878.25. - Statutory authority for State to levy assessments on maintenance areas
- 12878.31. Provides for public comment at the hearing
- 12878.32. After the hearing the Central Valley Flood Protection Board will approve the budget
- 12878.34. DWR will notify the County Auditor and Board of Supervisors the amount required to pay for the maintenance area

# Water Code Section 12878



- 12878.35. The Board of Supervisors shall, on an annual basis, levy on the land owner an ad valorem assessment sufficient to pay the State for the costs certified by DWR.
- 12878.38. Assessments levied pursuant to this article shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes....

# Salient Points



- CVFPB has authority to form Maintenance Area if local agencies are unable to meet State and Federal requirements
- CVFPB has authority to assess property owners who receive benefits from the project being maintained by DWR
- Assessment is based on actual DWR costs

# Salient Points



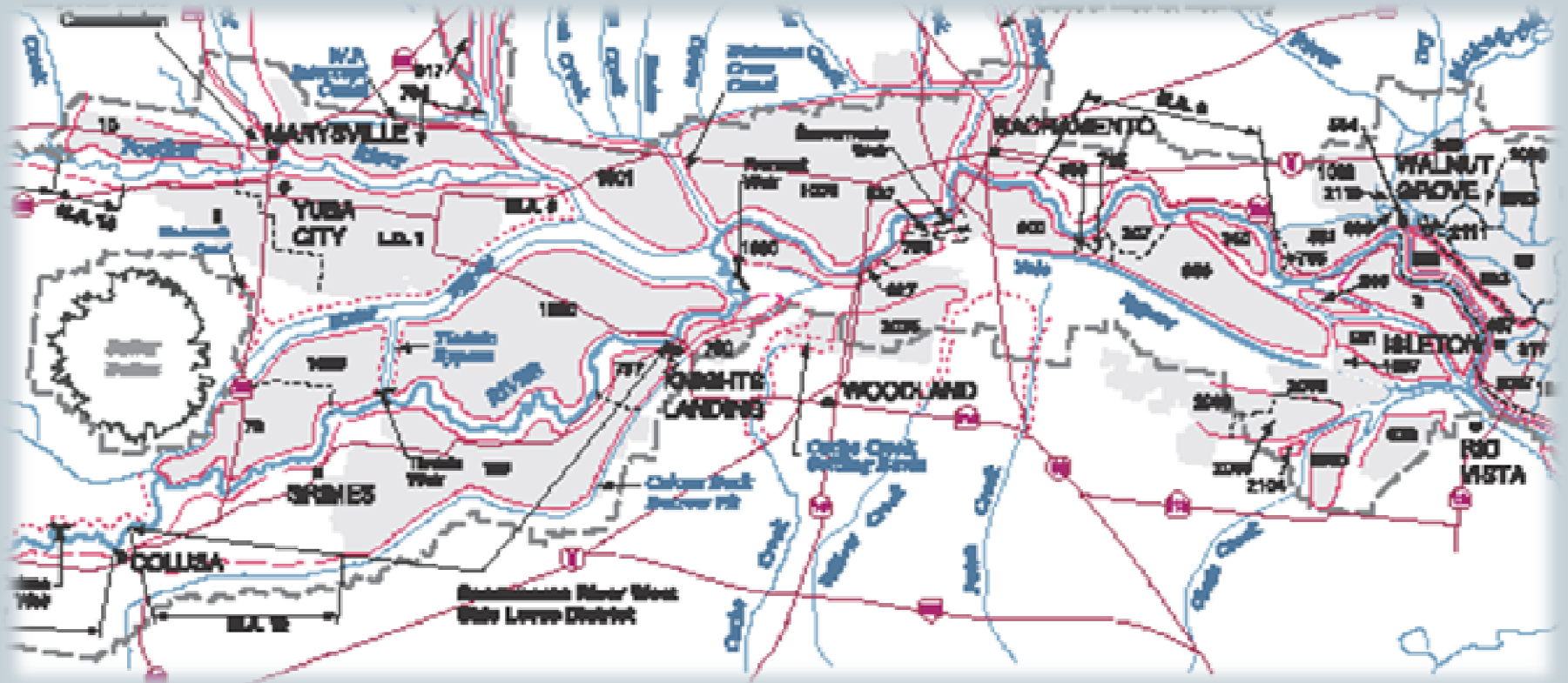
- Property owners do not have a vote in Maintenance Area assessments
- County is responsible for collecting assessments
- No local representation at State level
- Assessment money will not remain within the local economic zone

# Apples to Apples



- TRLIA Assessment Area covers 29 miles of improved levees
- Maintenance Area 9 covers approximately 20 miles
  - East Sacramento River Levee from Sacramento to Courtland
- Both levee systems protect urban areas as defined by the State and Federal government
- Unlike RD 784, MA9 does not handle internal drainage

# Flood Control Projects and Agencies





# Maintenance Category Descriptions



- **Vegetation Control Levees**
  - Spraying pre-emergence
  - Spot Spraying
  - CDF hand crews
  - CCC hand crews
  - Tree management
  - Fireguarding

# Maintenance Category Descriptions



- Burning
- Rodent Control
- Patrolling
- Mowing
- Inspection
- Encroachment removal
- Restoration

# Maintenance Category Descriptions



- **Roadways**
  - Crown roadways
  - Ramps, right of way easements including toe roads
- **Minor Structures**
- **Dragging**
- **Vegetation Control Channel**
- **MEO Equipment costs**
- **Maintenance Yard Overhead**
- **Telemetry Maintenance**

# Maintenance Area 9 Budget



- FY 06/07 – \$1,215,000
- FY 07/08 – \$1,089,000
- FY 08/09 - \$1,089,000
  
- Reference – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 CVFPB Meeting, Agenda Item 11
  - <http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov/meetings/2008/04-18-2008Item11-MaintenanceAreaBudgetsDWR.pdf>

# Cost Comparison



- MA9 per mile cost (FY 08/09) = \$54,450
  - $1,089,000 \div 20 \text{ miles} = \$54,450 \text{ per mile}$
  - If State cost applied to RD784/TRLIA levee maintenance:
    - ✦  $\$54,450 \times 29 \text{ miles} = \$1,579,050$
- Proposed RD784 per mile cost = \$36,103
  - $\$800,000 \text{ TRLIA assessment} + \$247,000 \text{ RD784 current assessment} = \$1,047,000$
  - ✦  $\$1,047,000 \div 29 \text{ miles} = \$36,103 \text{ per mile}$
- Cost savings by keeping it local
  - \$532,050 annually

# In Conclusion



- RD784 representation is at the local level
  - Local representatives are your neighbors
    - ✦ You pay, we pay
    - ✦ You flood, we flood
  - Local representatives are tasked to learn the issue at an intimate level and to know the laws and regulations in order to make informed decisions for the constituency.
- DWR maintenance activities are more costly

# In Conclusion



- Assessment by RD784/TRLIA stays in the county and supports local jobs and businesses
- State levy goes to Sacramento and does not provide local economic benefit
- Local representatives are accountable to the public. Residents have a say in who represents them. We have the same concerns, desires and liabilities
- The State CVFPB is appointed by the Governor; local property owners have no vote in those appointments

## Bottom Line



- RD784/TRLIA can perform the operations and maintenance to State and Federal standards more economically
- An RD784/TRLIA Assessment keeps local money in the local economy
- Local property owners have a voice in local agencies
- Local agencies' priorities are local