

Flood Emergency Action Plan (FEAP), July 2016 Version 1.0, Distribution Attachment – September 21, 2016

You are included in this distribution list because you have been identified as an interested or impacted party with MCDD or one of the three other drainage districts MCDD manages: Peninsula Drainage District #1, Peninsula Drainage District #2, and Sandy Drainage Improvement Company (the Districts). The FEAP outlines emergency response by the Districts in the event of a Columbia River or Columbia Slough flood impacting the Columbia Corridor levee system. Stormwater emergency response is outlined in a separate plan, which is being developed this year.

Why is this plan important to me? The FEAP may be important to you because:

- It contains information that informs the risk along the levees, and *your property or work may be located near these risk areas.*
- You can see the tiered approach to evacuating the leveed area and *when you personally may be impacted.*
- You can refer to this plan to understand what the Districts may be doing during a flooding incident, as well as to gain an understanding of how different levels of government will come together for *your safety* during an emergency.
- Without this plan, we risk an uncoordinated, inefficient, and costly approach to emergency flooding on the Columbia River which would impact anyone in or using the Columbia Corridor.

What are the highlights? Some highlights of the plan include:

- Trigger/Action Table: a table that outlines specific actions the Districts will take when water elevations reach predetermined levels. Such actions include varying levels of levee patrols or addressing levee risk drivers. It also includes some impacts caused by those actions or by the river elevation.
- Levee Patrol Areas: we have pre-designated areas to be patrolled. We are looking for additional levee patrollers, please contact me if your agency is interested in assisting us.
- A list and map of levee risk drivers: learn about our levee infrastructure and some of the risk areas we have recently identified through engineering investigations and historical information. This information helps us frame as many risks throughout the levee system as possible to ensure they are carefully addressed during a flood.

Why did the districts write a new plan? This plan is important to the Districts for many reasons:

- It helps fulfill important federal levee requirements for the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) (NFIP) and the [Rehabilitation and Inspection Program](#) (RIP).
 - o *All four districts are on track to maintain NFIP levee requirements through [Levee Ready Columbia](#), a regional program.*
 - o *Participation in the RIP provides us flood fighting resources and post-flood infrastructure rebuilding assistance from the US Army Corps of Engineers.*
- Our mission is to protect lives, property, and the environment through innovative, proactive, floodplain management.
 - o *Having a robust emergency action plan is critical to fulfilling this mission.*
- The managed floodplain spans parts of four cities and significant assets and critical infrastructure are located behind the levees. The Districts need to have a strong emergency action plan to be able to coordinate and cooperate with others (perhaps with you) during an emergency.
 - o *We worked closely with partners to ensure roles and responsibilities between agencies was clear to help response to a large scale flood.*

Download the plan here: <http://www.mcdd.org/what-we-do/emergency-plan/>. You may share this link with your agency or business internally, as well as with members of the public.