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**Flood Fighting and Levee Vegetation**

ABSTRACT

Types of vegetation, Trees, Brush, Grasses  
Benefit vs. Liability  
Patrolling, visibility  
Flood Fight, response, reality

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Rick Burnett began a career in emergency response 30 years ago and has been on the front line of wild land fires, earthquakes and floods. The first sixteen years of Rick's state career was with the California Conservation Corps as a crew leader, crew supervisor and project coordinator. The past 14 years have been with the Department of Water Resources, Division of Flood Management as a levee inspector and Flood Fight Specialist. Rick is a 'first responder' for the department on all high water/flood related problems and is expected to organize and implement the proper field response. Rick is also responsible for the coordination of DWR's successful Flood Fighting Methods Training offered to state and local agencies yearly.