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ABSTRACT

The Corps draft "White Paper" is one of many documents highlighting shortcomings with existing federal flood control projects. While issues identified reflect departure from historic Corps policy, fixation on vegetation removal may divert attention away from more important issues. In an effort to focus future flood control initiatives, the State of California proposes that stakeholders enter into collaborative discussions with a goal of maximizing public safety improvements consistent with public trust expectations associated with the environment. Symposium participants are encouraged to consider the content of scientific presentations during future discussions concerning how local, State and federal interests can best move forward to successfully achieve critical needs of stakeholders.

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