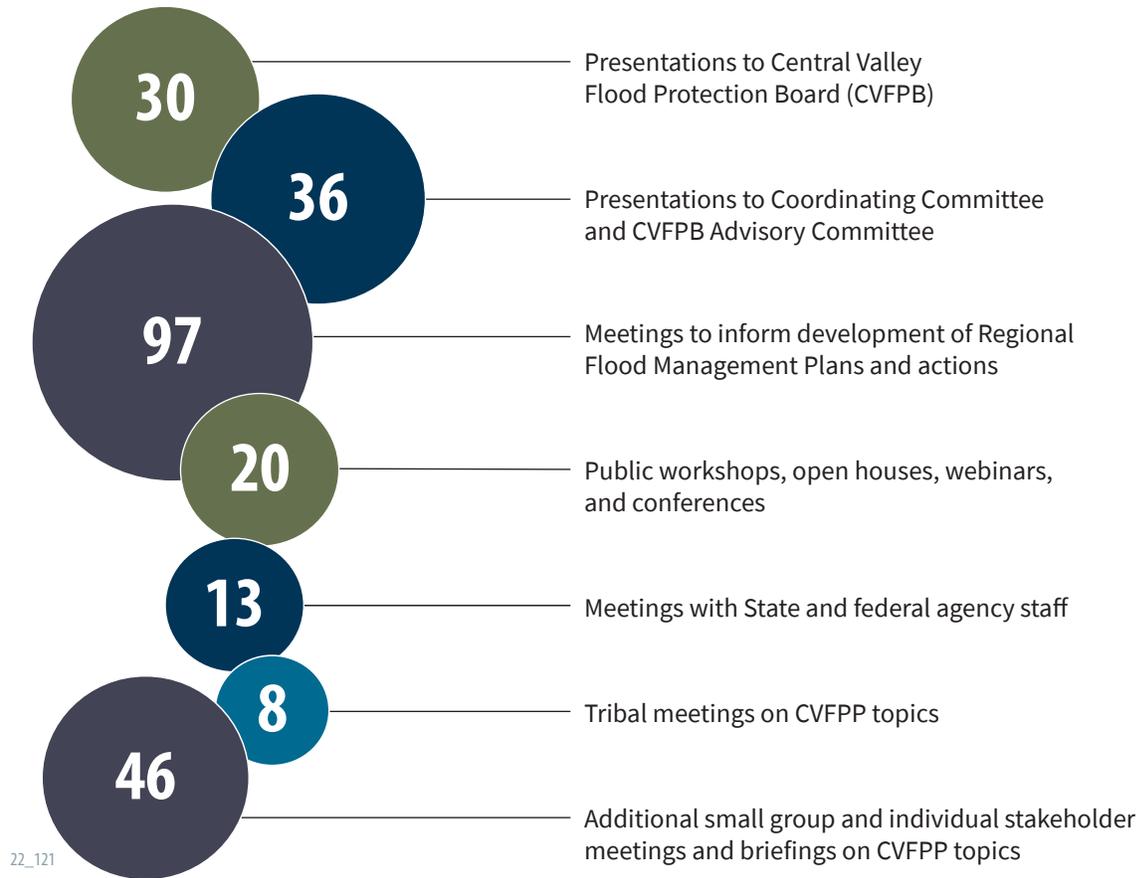


Figure 1.5 Key Communication and Engagement Activities for the 2022 CVFPP Update



2.3.1 Types of Stakeholder Engagement for Updating the CVFPP

Types of stakeholder engagement completed for the 2017 CVFPP Update included formal and informal briefings, work groups and advisory groups, regional coordination, and other engagement opportunities. Figure 2-4 presents an overview of the type and number of key communications and engagement activities over the past 5 years.

- Formal and informal briefings.** Monthly briefings were provided to the CVFPB and the public during regular public meetings and to a broader group of engaged stakeholders during monthly meetings of the Coordinating Committee. DWR also met regularly with interest-based groups, focusing discussions on technical work, policy issues, and implementation of the CVFPP. All briefings aimed to promote consistency and coordination of information and collect stakeholder insights about challenges, opportunities, and areas of agreement across the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River basins.

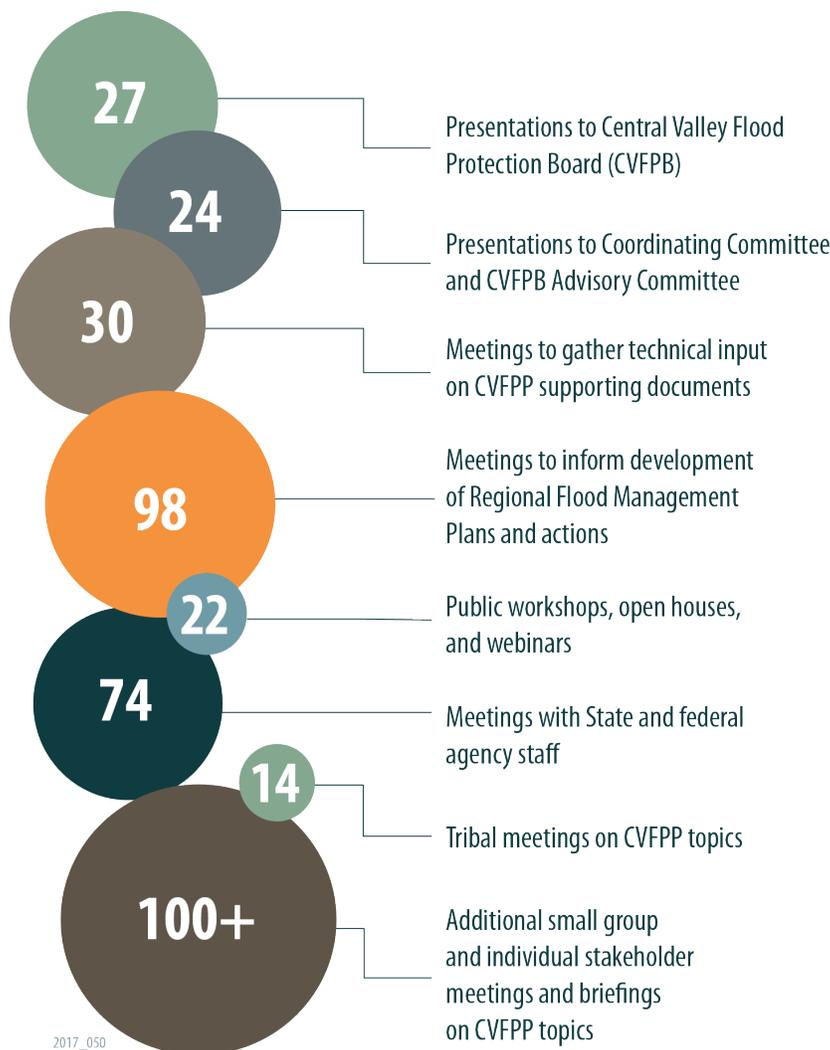


Figure 2-4. Key Communications and Engagement Activities for the CVFPP Update

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- **Work groups and advisory groups.** These groups were convened to engage subject matter experts and regional leaders in assisting with developing information and material to inform the 2017 CVFPP Update. Examples include the Conservation Strategy Interagency Advisory Committee, Conservation Strategy Measurable Objectives Technical Advisory Workgroup, CVFPB Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee, and OMRR&R Work Group.
- **Regional coordination.** DWR met frequently with representatives from each of the six regional flood management planning leads during the development of the 2017 CVFPP Update. These discussions were critical to identifying regional needs and priorities and developing a shared vision for flood protection in the Central Valley.

Stakeholder Involvement in the CVFPP Conservation Strategy

DWR has worked closely with a variety of stakeholders over the past 5 years to develop, refine, and improve the CVFPP Conservation Strategy.

In 2011, DWR convened the Conservation Strategy Interagency Advisory Committee (IAC) to engage State and federal natural resource and regulatory agencies in the development of the Conservation Strategy. DWR met with the IAC to gather input from member agencies and to look collectively toward application and implementation of the strategy as a key component of the CVFPP.

In 2014, DWR conducted public workshops on developing measurable objectives and during review of the Conservation Strategy Administrative Draft, stakeholders and resource agencies articulated that measurable objectives could help inform planning and project formulation, create synergies among various efforts, and help track progress toward achieving environmental and flood-related outcomes. In response, DWR convened the Conservation Strategy Measurable Objectives Technical Advisory Workgroup to assist in the development of long-term measurable objectives, to inform multi-benefit project development and refinement, to estimate how specific projects will contribute to desired ecosystem outcomes, and to integrate the objectives into the 2017 CVFPP Update.

In 2015, the CVFPB convened the Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee to advise on Conservation Strategy implementation. The Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee includes environmental and agricultural stakeholders and representatives from DWR, local maintaining agencies, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Conservancy, and National Resources Conservation Service. The committee worked to create a common vision of success for Conservation Strategy implementation, and has prepared recommendations to the CVFPB related to the Draft CVFPP Conservation Strategy and overall CVFPP. The Conservation Strategy Advisory Committee submitted its recommendations to the CVFPB in October 2016. The Advisory Committee submitted 24 recommendations to the CVFPB that are reflected in this 2017 CVFPP Update and CVFPP Conservation Strategy, where applicable.

- **Other engagement opportunities.** General public engagement activities, including open houses, public workshops, webinars, conferences, site visits, meetings, email notifications and regular updates to the DWR website, helped to build broad awareness and obtain valuable feedback for 2017 CVFPP Update planning activities.

Tribal Engagement

Areas near water often have archaeological sites as well as ceremonial places and cemeteries important to Native American traditions. The Central Valley and Clear Lake areas were among the most densely populated areas in California prior to European contact, mostly near the banks of Central Valley rivers, including villages, culturally significant activities, and burials. California tribes maintain unique information concerning the location and characteristics of these tribal cultural resources.

The DWR Tribal Engagement Policy strengthens DWR's commitment to improving communication, collaboration, and consultation with California Native American Tribes, (DWR, 2016). Consistent with Executive Order B-10-11, the California Natural Resources Agency Tribal Consultation Policy, and Assembly Bill 52 Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act, the Tribal Engagement Policy includes the policy principles to achieve early and meaningful tribal engagement with California Native American Tribes.

Informational meetings and consultations with tribes were conducted as part of the 2017 CVFPP update process to understand and evaluate impacts to cultural resources. In March 2016, DWR sent letters to approximately 50 Native American tribes. This letter provided information about the 2017 CVFPP Update and DWR's proposal to develop a Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report in support of the 2017 CVFPP Update, and it also informed the tribes of the opportunity to consult and coordinate with DWR. Based on the response to DWR's letter, DWR held informational meetings with five different tribes affiliated with project area, and continued consulting with one of these tribes through July 2017.

Future CVFPP updates will look for additional opportunities to more fully integrate tribes, tribal cultural resources, tribal values, and tribal viewpoints. To facilitate this integration into future updates and maintain coordination on project implementation, regular informational meetings will be held with California Native American Tribes to provide updates on existing projects implemented under the CVFPP, provide information on future projects and consultation opportunities, and to exchange information. Some Tribal stakeholders have also expressed interest in considering how tribal cultural resources protection, restoration, and enhancement could be integrated into the multi-benefit project definition.

Moving forward with CVFPP implementation, project funding should consider tribal cultural resources identification, which could include obtaining information from databases maintained by affiliated tribes, and potential mitigation. Some Tribal stakeholders have also expressed interest in comprehensive cultural resources mitigation measures, such as a cultural mitigation fund, a long-term operations and maintenance plan that considers tribal monitoring, and specific protocols for cultural resources surveys, treatment of cultural resources, reburials, and other topics.