

ITEM 2

Agenda of January 20, 2011

**TO: Board of Directors
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency**

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SUBJECT: INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011

We are bringing the Board a number of items this month, including the following:

- Actions required to maintain progress on the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP).
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide an update to the Board on progress in developing the General Reevaluation Report.
- An updated cost estimate for the 200-year NLIP. At the December 10, 2010 Board Meeting, the Board authorized the preparation of an Engineer's Report on local funding for completing the Natomas Levee Improvement Program. This is based on a cost estimate developed to complete the 200-year project. The Engineer's Report and cost estimate are currently going through an independent review. This will be done in time to have the Engineer's Report, and the results of the independent review of the Engineer's Report, as well as a cost estimate presented at the February 17, 2011 Board Meeting. However, to reduce the amount of new material introduced at the February 17th Board Meeting, the updated cost estimate is being presented at today's Board Meeting, prior to its independent review.

Also included below is some additional information for the Board Other items:

Natomas Levee Improvement Program Outreach

SAFCA has assembled an Outreach Team that is developing the outreach plan and materials as we move forward in addressing funding issues for the NLIP. The Outreach Team is the same that has been used on past efforts. In addition to SAFCA staff, existing and signature contracts are being used to include APCO Worldwide, Gualco Consulting, and AECOM on the Outreach Team. The team has produced a draft Community Outreach Plan as summarized below. This includes; producing a draft newsletter, draft public presentations, public displays, and handout materials.

Overview and Purpose of Community Outreach Plan

SAFCA staff plans to initiate a public education effort to inform Natomas property owners about the status of levee improvements and funding challenges.

Staff proposes that this effort include a two-phased approach summarized below.

Phase 1- Mid-January through February 2011

This period occurs prior to the Board's decision on how to proceed with addressing local funding requirements to complete the NLIP.

Outreach Activities:

Phase 1A- January

- Meet with community-based constituencies
- Provide a bus tour of project to local community leaders

Phase 1B- February

- Mail 1st community-wide newsletter (approximately February 1)
- Continuing meeting with community-based constituencies

Messaging:

- Describe reason for project cost increases
- Identify how the unfunded local cost share can be funded
- Describe flood insurance rate consequences if the project cannot be completed
- Identify what's at stake if the local cost share is not funded

Phase 2- March to early April

This phase would be initiated only if the Board tentatively approves the engineer's report and adopts a notice of intention to form an assessment district.

Outreach Activities:

- Mail 2nd community-wide newsletter (early March)
- Continue meeting with community-based constituencies
- Hold a series of community open houses throughout the Basin (overlapping the first 2 weeks of the balloting process)

Messaging:

- Reiterate the Phase I message points
- Provide specific information on the proposed assessment and the balloting process

Post Authorization Change Report

The Chief's Report of the Natomas Levee Improvements was signed December 30, 2010. A copy is included as Attachment 1.