

ITEM 1

Agenda of February 17, 2011

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

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SUBJECT: INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011

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

- An update on the peer review of the cost estimate developed to complete the 200-year Natomas Levee Improvement Project.
- 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 draft Engineer's Report will be presented today.
- Other actions required to maintain progress on the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP).

Also included below is some additional information on other items:

Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present a status update of activities on the Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project at the March 17, 2011 SAFCA Board of Director's meeting.

South Sacramento Streams Group

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present a status update of activities on the South Sacramento Streams Group Project at the March 17, 2011 SAFCA Board of Director's meeting.

Common Features General Reevaluation Report

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present a status update of activities on the Common Features General Reevaluation Report at the March 17, 2011 SAFCA Board of Director's meeting.

Natomas Levee Improvement Program Outreach

It was requested at the Executive Committee Meeting that the NLIP outreach plan be included again in the Board Package.

SAFCA has assembled an Outreach Team that is implementing the outreach plan and developing 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; SAFCA staff, APCO Worldwide, Gualco Consulting, and AECOM. The team has produced a Community Outreach Plan as summarized below. This includes; producing a newsletter, public presentations, public displays, and handout materials.

Overview and Purpose of Community Outreach Plan

A public education effort to inform Natomas property owners about the status of levee improvements and funding challenges.

This effort includes 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 (Ongoing – Please see Attachment 1 with a schedule of meetings)
- Provide a bus tour of project to local community leaders (Took place January 29, 2011)

Phase 1B- February

- Mail 1st community-wide newsletter (completed)
- Continuing meeting with community-based constituencies (ongoing – Please see Attachment 1 with a schedule of meetings)

Messaging:

- Describe accomplishments
- Describe reason for project cost increases
- Identify how the unfunded local cost share can be funded
- Identify what's at stake if the local cost share is not funded with respect to public safety, economic development and flood insurance rate relief

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 (Please see Attachment 1 for dates and locations)

Messaging:

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

Major General Grisoli Visit

On January 19, 2011 Major General Grisoli, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Civil Works worldwide, came out to Sacramento to see first hand the issues caused by some of the Corps new policies, particularly the levee vegetation issue. He toured levees along South Sacramento Streams Group, the Pocket area, and in the Natomas Basin. He met with stakeholders, including SAFCA. He listened to the concerns and indicated he would take them into consideration as he decided how to move forward.

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