

## ITEM 1

Agenda of May 17, 2012

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

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**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 17, 2012**

We are bringing the Board a number of items this month. These include:

- Contract, real estate and other actions on the Natomas Levee Improvement Program;
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget;
- Contract action for SAFCA's maintenance responsibilities
- Information update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on:
  - South Sacramento Streams Group
  - Common Features General Re-evaluation Report; and
- Information on SAFCA's participation on the Flood Protection Team as part of the CAP-to-CAP trip to Washington D.C.

### **CAP-TO-CAP**

SAFCA participated in the annual CAP-to-CAP trip to Washington D.C. April 21<sup>st</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. CAP-to-CAP sponsored a Flood Protection Team which promoted regional flood control needs, including those of SAFCA. Steve Cohn and Angelique Ashby were SAFCA Board Members who were on the Flood Protection Team. SAFCA Board Members Phil Serna and Bonnie Pannell also participated in some of the Flood Protection Team meetings. SAFCA Executive Director Rick Johnson also participated on the team.

The Flood Protection Team held 18 meetings with members of Congress, congressional committees, relevant agencies, and other organizations. A list of the meetings is also included herein.

One of the top focuses of the CAP-to-CAP Flood Protection Team in the appropriate meetings was to reiterate the need for an authorization for the Natomas Levee Improvement Program.

### **CAP-to-CAP Meetings Held**

The following is a list of meetings attended by the CAP-to-CAP Flood Protection Team.

### **Congressional Offices**

Congressman John Garamendi  
Congressman Wally Herger  
Congressman Dan Lungren  
Congresswoman Doris Matsui  
Congressman Tom McClintock  
Congressman Mike Thompson

### **Congressional Committees**

Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee (Minority Staff)  
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Majority Staff)  
House Financial Services Committee (Majority Staff)  
House Financial Services Committee (Minority Staff)  
House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment (Majority Staff)

### **Executive Branch**

Council on Environmental Quality  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Office of Management and Budget, Natural Resources Programs, Water and Power Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **Others**

National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies  
Office of Governor Jerry Brown

### **SAFCA Meetings**

SAFCA's Executive Director met with the following on SAFCA issues:

Office of Senator Feinstein  
Office of Senator Boxer and Environment and Public Works Committee (Majority Staff)  
Office of Congresswoman Matsui  
Office of Congressman Lungren  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Head Quarters, Director of Civil Works

## **SAFCA BOARD MEMBER TOUR OF FOLSOM DAM**

SAFCA Director of Engineering Pete Ghelfi along with Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials led a second tour of the construction on the new spillway at Folsom Dam on May 11th. Joining him for the tour were Board Members Jeff Smith, James Gallagher and Roberta MacGlashan, along with City and State staff.

## **MEETING WITH SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION LEADERSHIP**

SAFCA's Executive Director had an opportunity to meet with the Corps' South Pacific Division Leadership at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss SAFCA projects and issues in a small group. Topics discussed included the Joint Federal Project construction and funding issues; budget issues for all SAFCA projects; NLIP authorization; ideas on how to administratively find a way to continue design of NLIP while awaiting authorization, and the GRR and the challenges vegetation, encroachments, and landside levee toe access road requirements present in working out an acceptable flood risk reduction plan.

## **SAFCA FLOOD SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

SAFCA is entering a significant planning and implementation period during the next 20 months. There are a number of programs underway that currently have a great deal of uncertainty, which will become clearer over the next 20 months. The outcome of these efforts/processes will shape SAFCA's future for years to come. The attached presentation discusses these programs in more detail.