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Agenda of June 21, 2012

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 21, 2012

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

- Contract, real estate and other actions on the Natomas Levee Improvement Program;
- Final Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget;
- Contract actions to support the Permanent Operation plan development for Folsom Dam and to support SAFCA's involvement and responsibilities under Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and the State Plan of Flood Control;
- Contract actions to continue support of the Levee Vegetation research team;
- Contract actions on the South Sacramento Streams Group Project;
- Actions to support SAFCA's Operation and Maintenance requirements;
- Other actions to support SAFCA's overall program.

LOWER AMERICAN RIVER MILE 0.5R AQUATIC RIPARIAN HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

SAFCA has been awarded a \$1.4 million Proposition 84 grant for the "Lower American River Mile 0.5R Aquatic Riparian Habitat Enhancement Project," (RM 0.5 Project) as approved by the Board in January 2012 (Resolution No. 2012-001). The Project would excavate the elevated floodplain, creating an area that would flood in most years and allow riparian forest to regenerate and thrive while providing aquatic habitat for juvenile salmonids and other native fish. The RM 0.5 Project accomplishes multiple SAFCA and Water Forum objectives including mitigating for waterside impacts of the Natomas Levee Improvement Program (NLIP). One of the items brought to the Board today will include contracting for the finalization of the plans and specifications for the project.

CEQA compliance for the RM 0.5 Project will be accomplished through a Supplement to the 2007 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the NLIP Landside Improvements Project. Preparation of the Supplemental EIR (SEIR) is underway, and the Notice of Preparation (NOP) was distributed to the public on June 15, 2012. A public scoping meeting for the SEIR will be held at 4:00-6:00 p.m. on July 10, 2012 at the South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road, Sacramento.

JOINT FEDERAL PROJECT FIRST CONCRETE PLACEMENT

On May 24th a ceremony was held to commemorate the first concrete placement for the new concrete dam and auxiliary spillway control structure at Folsom Dam JFP. The Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Bureau of Reclamation, the State of California, SAFCA and others participated. Steve Cohn, Chair of the SAFCA Board, spoke on SAFCA's behalf.





FEDERAL BUDGET UPDATE

On June 6th the House of Representatives passed the FY 2013 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. The Senate has not passed its version yet. The following was included for SAFCA projects:

American River Common Features – \$6,080,000

President Obama's budget request was \$6,400,000.

Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project – \$82,365,000

President Obama's budget request was \$86,700,000

Folsom Dam Raise – \$4,845,000

President Obama's budget request was \$5,100,000.

In addition, the Energy and Water Appropriations bill will include a "Reserve Fund" that will allocate over \$92.5 million to the USACE for the purpose of funding flood risk reduction projects. Upon enactment of this legislation, the USACE will craft a plan informing Congress how they intend to use the additional funding. Each authorized project, whether in the President's Budget or not, will have an opportunity to compete for funding included in this Reserve Fund. Last year the Folsom Dam JFP received \$7.0 million from the Reserve Fund.