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Agenda of September 20, 2012

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS SCHEDULED HEARING ON A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

The full U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) has scheduled a hearing entitled, "Water Resources Development Act: Growing the Economy and Protecting Public Safety". We have discussed the hearing with Committee staff; and the intent of the hearing is to demonstrate the need to have a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) passed, not to address specific projects or legislative provisions. This is demonstrated by the selection of hearing witnesses, who will discuss general topics like the need to legislatively address public safety, economic development and job creation. Having said that, we anticipate that Committee Chair Boxer will discuss public safety and Sacramento flood issues, including the specific need for an authorization for the Natomas Project. In addition, the Committee is assembling a drafting a WRDA for consideration as soon as practicable. We are told that the Natomas Project will be included in a WRDA, when that occurs.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOLSOM DAM WATER CONTROL MANUAL UPDATE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is sponsoring a series of Stakeholder meetings to engage stakeholder groups in the Folsom Dam Water Control Manual Update. This is where the operation of Folsom Dam with the new auxiliary spillway in place is worked out. This is critical to the City of Sacramento maintaining its 100-year level of flood protection from the American River and in getting to a 200-year level of flood protection. The Stakeholder meetings are being held as follows:

- September 12, 2012 – Flood Management Organizations
- September 18, 2012 – Recreational Organizations
- September 21, 2012 – Environmental Organizations
- September 25, 2012 – In-Basin Water Purveyors

- September 26, 2012 – Power Organizations, Central Valley Project and State Water Project Water Contractors, Electrical Utilities

JOINT FEDERAL PROJECT SCHEDULE

The USACE has developed a schedule to help understand what work will be completed under the various contracts (Attachment 1). The top line shows the fiscal quarters between now and October 2017, when the Project is to be complete. The lower section is a cross section of the auxiliary spillway, which shows what part of the spillway work will be done under which contract. Please note that there is no correlation between the top timeline and the lower cross section.

Please note the amount of equipment being used by the Phase II contractor staged in the Phase IV construction area. This shows how tight the space is and how important it is to keep the Phase III contractor moving so that they don't hold up the Phase IV work.

STATE REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN

There are two items I would like to make you aware of as we move forward on the State Regional Planning effort.

- 1) SAFCA, West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA), and Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) have been asked by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) to get a consultant started that will serve as the coordinator between the various Regional Planning groups, the CVFPB, Department of Water Resources (DWR) and a "Coordinating Committee". This consultant will ensure that all these groups working on parallel processes are informed of what each of the other groups are doing. This will help make sure that any necessary coordination between the groups is accomplished and also help identify opportunities where efforts may be overlapping or where Regional projects and system-wide projects are overlapping. SAFCA intends to execute a contract under the Executive Director's authority for \$10,000 as our contribution to getting the process started. DWR will pick up costs for the process long-term once the paperwork goes through their system.
- 2) WSAFCA and SAFCA will split the costs of getting some of our Regional activities going. DWR will pick up the costs of these programs once they get their process and paperwork completed. SAFCA intends to execute a contract under the Executive Director's authority for \$40,000 as our contribution to getting the process started.

OPTIONS FOR FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF SAFCA HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Presently, the City of Sacramento (City) administers Human Resources and Personnel Services for most of SAFCA employees through an existing agreement with SAFCA. However, because of the very different organizational needs and constraints faced by the City and SAFCA, the existing Personnel Services Agreement has created significant administrative challenges for both agencies. The City has asked SAFCA to explore alternative options for addressing SAFCA's personnel management needs for the future. As a result, we will be gathering information regarding what options may be available for future administration of SAFCA Human Resources and Personnel Services including the cost of those options. This information will be necessary as we work with the City on evaluating what to do with our agreement in the future and how best to administer these services.

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