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Agenda of October 18, 2012

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 18, 2012

FOLSOM DAM WATER CONTROL MANUAL UPDATE PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) are preparing a Joint Environment Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Folsom Dam Water Control Manual Update (WCM Update). The USACE will serve as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the CVFPB will serve as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is acting as a NEPA cooperating agency and SAFCA is acting as a CEQA responsible agency.

Folsom Dam and Reservoir is a multipurpose project (flood risk management, water supply, hydroelectricity, water quality, fish and wildlife preservation, and recreation) operated by the Reclamation as a part of the Central Valley Project. The USACE is responsible for prescribing operations pertaining to use of the storage allocated for flood risk management. The dam provides flood risk management benefits to the City of Sacramento and its surrounding areas by regulating runoff from approximately 1,860 square miles of drainage area.

The Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project (JFP), currently under construction, consists of a new auxiliary spillway with a spillway crest elevation 50 feet lower than the current gated spillways on the main dam. The JFP will vastly improve the ability of Folsom Dam to manage large flood events by allowing more water to be safely released earlier in a storm event, resulting in more storage capacity remaining in the reservoir to hold back the peak inflow when it arrives. The JFP will also meet Reclamation's dam safety goal of passing the probable maximum flood (the most severe possible flood in this drainage area) without causing the failure of Folsom Dam. In order to fully realize the benefits of the new auxiliary spillway, the current Folsom Dam and Reservoir Water Control Manual must be updated.

The purpose of the WCM Update effort is to identify, evaluate, and recommend changes to the flood management operation rules of Folsom Dam and Reservoir that would reduce flood risk to the Sacramento area by utilizing the new auxiliary spillway and by incorporating an improved understanding of the American River watershed upstream of Folsom Dam and by developing the technical information required to update the existing WCM. The findings of the evaluation will be used to help define Folsom Dam's new flood operations plan, with the intention of meeting flood risk management objectives in a manner that conserves as much water as possible and maximizes all authorized Folsom Dam Project uses to the extent practicable.

The USACE and the CVFPB will be holding a series of scoping meetings to provide the public with information on the array of measures currently being considered for the WCM Update and EIS/EIR. Staff from USACE, CVFPB, the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Reclamation, SAFCA, and other members of the project team will be on hand to address questions regarding the WCM Update. The public will be given the opportunity to provide written and verbal comments at the scoping meetings.

Scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

Sacramento Library Galleria
828 I Street, Sacramento, CA
October 15th, 2012
4pm to 6pm

Folsom Communities Center
52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA
October 22nd, 2012
4pm to 6pm

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIR/EIS pursuant to NEPA will be published in the Federal Register and a Notice of Preparation to prepare an EIR/EIS pursuant to CEQA will be submitted to the State Clearinghouse. The notices are available online at the Federal Register website (<https://www.federalregister.gov/>) and on the CVFPB's website at (<http://www.cvfpb.ca.gov/PublicNotices/>).

Written comments and suggestions about the WCM Update may be submitted by November 11th, 2012 to Tyler Stalker, USACE Public Affairs Office, or Michael Mierzwa, DWR Division of Flood Management. For e-mailed comments, please include "WCM Update" in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address. Questions about the WCM Update and the EIS/EIR should be addressed to either:

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For more information about the Folsom Dam WCM Update please visit the following website <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/JointFederalProject.aspx>.

STATE REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN

As I have previously reported, SAFCA is participating in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) regional planning effort. The CVFPP originally identified SAFCA as being in the Lower Sacramento Region. As the efforts have moved forward, there have been some advancements as follows:

Planning area - The Lower Sacramento and Delta North Regions have agreed to combine and prepare one regional report to cover both areas. In addition, the flood risk management agencies in these areas are proposing some slight changes to the western boundary of the combined region to better match the floodplain associated with the State Plan of Flood Control facilities. Attachment 1 is the proposed regional boundary with the expansion areas shaded in black.

Governance Structure – The West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (WSAFCA) has been identified as the regional planning grant applicant. A regional governance structure has been established that consists of two coordinating committees (one for the west side of the region [Yolo and Solano Counties] and one for the east side of the region [Sacramento and Sutter Counties within SAFCA's boundaries]). Each coordinating committee will be responsible for developing the regional planning elements for their respective areas. The work of the coordinating committees will be administered through a Joint Administration Committee consisting of three voting members from each coordinating committee plus WSAFCA. The committees' meetings will be public and all stakeholders will be invited to participate; however, only public agencies will vote on actions related to the regional plan. Attachment 2 is a table describing this governance structure.

Status of Regional Grant Application - An outline of the regional grant application has been prepared. It will be reviewed by coordinating committee participants and stakeholders over the next two weeks. It will be finalized at a joint Coordinating Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for October 25th and submitted to the Department of Water Resources as a final application the week of October 29th.

Consideration of System Improvements - Some of the bypass improvements identified in the CVFPP could replace or modify site specific improvements that may be included in the regional plan. Accordingly, the region is proposing to include evaluation of modifications to the Yolo and Sacramento Bypass systems to understand this relationship and build regional support for improvements to these systems.

Consultant Team - Scott Shapiro, Tom Chapman and Ric Reinhardt will lead the consultant team for the region under an existing program management contract with WSAFCA and at the direction of the Joint Administration Committee. HDR will lead the regional grant application development, with Sergio Jimenez as the lead for HDR. There are two Request for Qualifications on the street for outreach and environmental services support.

AMERICAN RIVER COMMON FEATURES CONSTRUCTION

The USACE awarded five levee construction contracts to small businesses, totaling \$16,213,075 for flood risk reduction work along the American River in Sacramento. All five contracts were awarded Sept. 24-30, 2012, to U.S. Small Business Administration 8(a)-designated small businesses. The Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program is designed to help small, disadvantaged businesses compete for federal contracts.

The work is to be completed in 2013 and is part of the American River Common Features Program, a joint effort between the USACE, the California CVFPB and SAFCA, to reduce flood risk throughout the region.

The levee construction projects will focus on strengthening certain levees sites and bringing them up to USACE standards by installing water seepage barriers, widening and raising levee heights, and substantially improving erosion protection along the American River.

The September 2012 contracts awarded are as follows:

- Contractor Services Group, Inc. of West Sacramento was awarded a contract for \$2.3 million on September 24th.
- Anderson Burton Construction, Inc. of Arroyo Grande was awarded a contract for \$3.9 million on September 28th.
- RDA Contracting, Inc. of San Rafael was awarded a contract for \$1.1 million on September 29th.
- Pacchiosi Drill U.S.A. of New York was awarded contracts for \$3.9 million and \$4.8 million on September 30th.