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Agenda of November 15, 2012

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2012

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS RELEASED DRAFT WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2012 AND SCHEDULED HEARING

The U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) has released a draft of its proposed Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2012. EPW has also scheduled a hearing on it for Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 am (Pacific Time).

The Draft WRDA can be found on the Senate EPW webpage. Go to www.senate.gov, click on "Committees," click on "Environment and Public Works," click on "Full Committee Legislative Hearing on Water Resources Development Act of 2012." A copy of the Draft WRDA is found there. You can also follow the hearing live that day on that same webpage.

The Draft WRDA includes non-project specific authorization of projects that meet certain criteria. The Natomas Levee Improvement Project meets those criteria and would be authorized should this Draft WRDA be enacted.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETINGS

The City of Sacramento is hosting a series of four community emergency preparedness meetings in preparation for the upcoming flood season. SAFCA was asked to participate and provide updates on the projects for improving flood protection. Meetings were held Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the Pannell-Meadowview Community Center, and Monday, November 5, 2012 at the Kennedy High School Auditorium. Two more meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 6:30 PM at Firehouse Station 60, 3301 Julliard Drive and Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:30 PM at H. Allen Hight Elementary School, 3200 North Park Drive.

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 West Sacramento Area Flood

Control Agency (WSAFCA) has been identified as the regional planning grant applicant. On November 8, 2012 WSAFCA submitted a \$1.7 million planning grant to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund preparation of a regional plan for the Lower Sacramento/Delta North Region. It is anticipated that DWR will approve the grant some time before the end of the year and that the regional plan will be completed within 14 months thereafter. A draft of the grant request was reviewed and approved by a joint meeting of the flood management agencies and interested stakeholders participating in the coordinating committees that separately represent the Sacramento County and Yolo/Solano County segments of the region. Staff anticipates that the regional plan will play an important role in DWR's decision making about committing the funds remaining in their Proposition 1E bond account. Pending approval of the grant, up to \$100,000 worth of advance work on the regional plan is being funded 50/50 by SAFCA and WSAFCA.

LOWER AMERICAN RIVER TASK FORCE

The Sacramento Water Forum has agreed to administer and facilitate the Lower American River Task Force (LARTF) meetings during 2013 while splitting the cost of this effort with SAFCA. The parties anticipate that four meetings of the LARTF will be held in 2013 at a cost of approximately \$40,000. SAFCA will use these meetings to complement stakeholder outreach efforts in connection with the Lower Sacramento/Delta North regional plan, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers General Reevaluation Report for the American River Common Features Project, levee accreditation process, and the update of the Water Control Manual for Folsom Dam.

MIKE FINNEGAN RETIREMENT

Mike Finnegan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Central California Area Office Area Manager has retired after more than 40 years of Federal service. Mike was one of the original architects of the Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project and has been instrumental in getting it approved and implemented. He was also important in completing the Folsom re-operation agreement between SAFCA and Reclamation which helps provide Sacramento with its current 100-year FEMA accreditation and was critical in allowing the American River system to safely handle the 1997 flood event.