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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 20, 2013

U.S House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I Committee)

On June 5, 2013, the House T&I Committee held a Hearing titled “A Review of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief’s Reports.” The purpose of the hearing was to review Army Corps of Engineers Chief’s Reports, the process the Corps undertakes to develop these projects, and some of the steps the Corps is carrying out internally to accelerate the process. Chairman Shuster indicated that the hearing will play a valuable role in the Committee’s development of a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The only witness was Major General Michael J. Walsh, Deputy Commanding General for Civil Works and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

U.S House of Representatives Resolution 2293

On June 11, 2013, Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Congressman Doug LaMalfa introduced bipartisan legislation to help state and local governmental agencies invest in necessary flood protection projects. H.R. 2293, the Flood Control Credit Act of 2013 is intended to assure that non-federal sponsors of Army Corps of Engineer’s flood protection projects will receive full credit for their expenditures and work on projects. It will also allow agencies the flexibility to transfer credit from one project to another.

Section 104 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 allows non-federal partners the ability to take immediate actions to address and minimize known public safety risks. It also preserves the ability to have these local costs counted as part of the local share once the Federal project is authorized. In May 2011, USACE decided to discontinue crediting under Section 104. As a result, it has been more difficult for local stakeholders to invest in Federal flood protection projects. In some cases, this has resulted in a delay to or an altogether halting of local flood protection project construction. This legislation would revise crediting guidance address some of these issues

South Pacific Division Change of Command Ceremony

On June 19, 2013 Colonel C. David Turner will assume command of the South Pacific Division, USACE. He was born in St. Louis and graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a bachelor's degree in mathematical sciences. He holds a master's degree in industrial engineering from Wichita State University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US. Army War College. He is also a Harvard Senior Executive Fellow. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advance Course, US. Army Combined Arms and Services Staff School, US. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Turner is currently serving as the interim Chief of Staff, Headquarters, USACE, and Washington, D.C. from February 2013 to July 2013. He reported to the headquarters on February 1, 2013, after serving in Operation Enduring Freedom as the Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435, Kabul, Afghanistan. He previously commanded the Far East District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seoul, Korea; and served three tours on the Army Staff as the G 1 Engineer; Assistant Executive Officer to the G3; and Chief, Base Realignment and Closure Division (BRAC 2005). He also served on the Joint Staff as the Assistant Deputy Director of Operations, Emergency Action Officer, Global Nuclear Strike Advisor and Senior Operations Officer.

Colonel Turner has also served in a variety of other command and staff assignments in the continental United States, Germany, Bosnia and the Middle East. During the Gulf War, he commanded Bravo Company, 1st Engineer Battalion (Mechanized) and also served as a Liaison Officer. He served a combat tour as commander of the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheel), Fort Lewis, Wash., deploying the battalion to Operation Iraqi Freedom and later redeploying it to Fort Lewis. He served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Engineer Equipment Maintenance Officer, 79th Combat Engineer Battalion (Heavy), Karlsruhe, Germany; Battalion Executive Officer in the 40th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized), Baumholder, Germany; and Brigade Operations and Executive Officer in the 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade, Bad Kreuznach, Germany. He deployed to Bosnia during his second tour in Germany. Colonel Turner also served in the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a Project Engineer and Project Manager.

Colonel Turner is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, two Bronze Star Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Commendation Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, and two Army Achievement Medals. He also has two Valorous Unit Awards, and is a recipient of the Silver and Bronze Orders of the de Fleury Medal, and is the 2009 Black Engineer of the Year for Professional Achievement in Government.

Sacramento District Change of Command Ceremony

On July 10, 2013 Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Farrell will assume command of the Sacramento District, USACE. Born and raised in Monona, Wisconsin, Lieutenant

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Colonel Farrell was commissioned into the USACE upon graduation from Princeton University in 1989.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell's assignments included service as a Platoon Leader and Assistant Adjutant, 237th Engineer Battalion, Heilbronn, Germany; Adjutant, 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea; Assistant S3 Operations, Civil Engineer, and Company Commander, 864th Engineer Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Wisconsin LaCrosse; Project Engineer, Structural Engineer and Deputy Chief, Design Branch, Pittsburgh District, Corps; S3 and Executive Officer, Special Troops Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Provincial Reconstruction Team Engineer, Ninewa, Iraq under the Gulf Region North District, Corps; Deputy Commander, Europe District, Corps; and District Commander, Walla Walla District, Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Scout Platoon Leadership Course, the French Commando School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Princeton University, and a Master of Science degree in construction engineering from Cranfield University, England. He is a Chartered Engineer and Member, Institution of Civil Engineers, England.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Army Achievement Medal (three awards), the National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 4), the French Commando Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

July Executive Committee Meeting

The SAFCA Board of Directors' Executive Committee meeting in for July has been moved to Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 4:00 pm to avoid conflict with the Fourth of July.