

Agenda of September 19, 2013

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Water Resources Development Act Update

On September 11th the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T & I Committee) released its Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013 as H.R. 3080. Please note they added "Reform" to the title.

H.R. 3080 as written authorizes the American River Watershed Project (Natomas Basin). It also includes sections that are important to facilitate implementation of SAFCA projects, such as provisions relating to vegetation on levees (Sec. 124), credit for non-Federal work (Sec. 113) and Corps "408" approvals for non-Federal work (Sec. 106). Though these three sections are not as robust as we would hope in order to really improve the Corps program, they represent improvements and a good starting point in the process.

Though significant obstacles and uncertainty remain, there is a chance that the House will move a bill in the October/November 2013 timeframe. The draft House bill is a blend of Administration initiated projects, Corps process reforms and policy changes. The key now is for the House process to continue, so the House and Senate can get into conference in order to resolve differences in the legislation.

Corps of Engineers Sacramento District New Deputy for Programs and Project Management

Last week Sacramento District Commander Colonel Michael Farrell announced the selection of Ms. Tambour Eller as the new Deputy for Programs and Project Management (DPM) here in Sacramento. This position is the highest civilian position in the District and works directly with the Colonel.

Tambour is coming to Sacramento from Corps Headquarters, where she has been the Deputy for Programs Integration Division. Prior to her Corps Headquarters positions, she deployed to Iraq as the Deputy Director, Business Management Division. Tambour has a range of district experience with the Jacksonville, Europe, and St. Louis District.

Mr. Lee Bass will continue to be the acting DPM in until she reports to Sacramento. We look forward to working with her.