

Agenda of October 17, 2013

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 17, 2013

Washington D.C. Update

The Federal Government shutdown has had varying effects on SAFCA related projects and activities. The construction at the Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project (JFP) is continuing, utilizing some carry-over Federal funding and non-Federal funding the State advanced and from SAFCA. It is estimated that the JFP can continue for 6 to 8 months with the current funding. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) should be able to wrap up construction planned for this construction season on the South Sacramento Streams Group and the American River Common features with a combination of Federal carry-over funds and non-Federal funds. The design and study activities are starting to feel impacts and for the most part can only last two to four weeks.

The most direct impact to SAFCA to date has been on the impact the budget and debt ceiling impasse has had on the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). Prior to the impasse, the House had targeted the week of October 7th to bring the WRRDA to the floor. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T&I Committee) passed WRRDA out of committee on September 19, 2013. However, the House leadership has indicated it won't move legislation on any topic (including WRRDA) other than government funding until a deal is reached on a continuing resolution and debt ceiling. Additionally, some of the T&I committee staff have been furloughed.

Florin Creek

On September 20, 2013, SAFCA received the Department of Water Resources' conditional commitment of \$1,909,910 in Proposition 1E, Storm Water Flood Management grant program for the Florin Creek Multi-Use Basin. This grant, along with funding from the City of Sacramento and SAFCA will allow a detention basin to be constructed to help reduce the flows such that the USACE can construct a project along Florin Creek within the constricted space available and under the Congressionally authorized cost ceiling for the South Sacramento Streams Group.