

## ITEM 1

Agenda of November 21, 2013

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

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**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

### **Water Resources Development Act Update**

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 the House of Representatives voted in a strong bipartisan manner to pass the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA) by a margin of 417 to 3. This legislation would authorize the American River Watershed, Common Features Project, Natomas Basin. It also includes sections that are important to facilitate implementation of SAFCA projects, such as provisions relating to vegetation on levees, credit for non-Federal work and Corps Section "408" approvals for non-Federal work.

The Senate passed its version of the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) on May 15, 2013. This legislation also included language authorizing the Natomas Project and other issues important to SAFCA. However, since the House WRRDA and the Senate WRDA are different, a conference committee with Members from the House and the Senate will convene to reconcile the two versions of the bill.

On November 5, 2013 Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and David Vitter (R-LA), Ranking Member, announced the names of the Senators who will serve on the Senate-House conference committee for the water resources bill:

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)  
Senator Max Baucus (D-MT)  
Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE)  
Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

Senator David Vitter (R-LA)  
Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)  
Senator James Inhofe (R-OK)

On November 14, 2013, the Speaker of the House has named the following House conferees for the water resources bill:

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From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the entire House bill and Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:

Representative Bill Shuster (R-PA)  
Representative John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN)  
Representative Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)  
Representative Sam Graves (R-GA)  
Representative Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)  
Representative Candice Miller (R-MI)  
Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA)  
Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Representative Bob Gibbs (R-OH)  
Representative Richard Hanna (R-NY)  
Representative Daniel Webster (R-FL)  
Representative Tom Rice (R-SC)  
Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)  
Representative Rodney Davis (R-IL)

Representative Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV)  
Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR)  
Representative Corrine Brown (D-FL)  
Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)  
Representative Tim Bishop (D-NY)  
Representative Donna Edwards (D-MD)  
Representative John Garamendi (D-CA)  
Representative Janice Hahn (D-CA)  
Representative Rick Nolan (D-MN)  
Representative Lois Frankel (D-FL)  
Representative Cheri Bustos (D-IL)

From the Committee on Natural Resources for consideration of sections 103 (duplicative analyses), 115 (tribal partnerships), 144 (Asian carp), 146 (national ocean policy), and 220 (lock and dam energy development) of the House bill and sections 2017 (fish habitat), 2027 (tribal partnerships), 2028 (Columbia River tribes), 2033 (project streamlining), 2051 (Indian self-determination), 3005 (Lower Yellowstone project), 5002 (northeast coastal ecosystem), 5003 (Chesapeake Bay ecosystem), 5005 (Lower Columbia ecosystem), 5007 (invasive species), 5012 (Miss. River pilot program), 5018 (Asian carp), 5020 (W.D.Mayo Dam, OK), title XII (extreme weather) and section 13002 (national parks) of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:

Representative Doc Hastings (R-WA)  
Representative Rob Bishop (R-UT)

Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA)

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As of the date of this report, House and Senate staffs are negotiating the final version of the bill. Conferees are hopeful of completing action and sending a bill to the President before the end of this year, 2013.

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