

## ITEM 2

Agenda of December 19, 2013

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

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**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 19, 2013**

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

As previously reported, the U.S. Senate passed its version of the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) on May 15, 2013. On October 23, 2013 the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA). Both versions of the legislation include 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 was convened to reconcile the two versions of the bill. The conference committee has been working on reconciling the respective versions. However, at the time this written report was prepared, there was no agreement in place. Additionally, the House was scheduled to adjourn for the year on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and the Senate on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the final negotiations on WRDA will happen in early 2014.

Also included as Attachment 1 is a letter from the Administration commenting on the WRDA bills. It provides insight on the Administration's positions on some of the issues important to SAFCA's program.

### **Levee Accreditation Update**

As part of the levee accreditation effort, an exploration program has been undertaken to obtain additional data needed to develop a plan that will be brought to the Board next year. The exploration program on the North Area levees has been completed. The explorations along the Pocket Area levees will take place in December 2013 and January 2014.