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Agenda of May 15, 2014

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 15, 2014

Water Resources Reform and Development Act

On Thursday, May 8, 2014 the Senate House Conference Committee announced agreement had been reached on the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) (Attachment 1). The announcement indicated that the paperwork would be filed the week of May 12, 2014 to clear the way for the House and Senate to vote on the bill. If both the House and Senate approve the bill, it then goes to the President for signature to become law.

American River Common Features General Reevaluation Report

The Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) Conference is the milestone conference where U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Headquarters (HQ) approves the TSP and gives permission to proceed with the public release of the draft General Re-evaluation Report and Environmental Impact Statement. It went very well and HQ approved the plan.

The plan includes:

- Slurry walls and levee stability work along the Sacramento River in the Pocket Area and along the North Streams levees;
- Significant erosion protection in the American River and Sacramento River channels and banks
- Widening of the Sacramento Weir and Bypass

The Corps agreed to allow the vegetation and access issues to be handled separately by the non-Federal sponsors. Vegetation will only be removed if it is in the way of construction. Vegetation and access were the major issues that have been holding up the document for a long time, so it is good to get resolution on it.

There is still a lot of work to do before the draft document comes out, but we look forward to working with the District and the State in getting it prepared. This was a

major and significant milestone.

Cap-to-CAP Washington D.C. Trip Report

SAFCA participated in the annual CAP-to-CAP trip to Washington D.C. May 3rd through May 7, 2014. CAP-to-CAP sponsored a Flood Protection Team which promoted regional flood control needs, including those of SAFCA. Angelique Ashby and Phil Serna were SAFCA Board Members who were on the Flood Protection Team. SAFCA Executive Director Rick Johnson also participated on the team.

The Flood Protection Team held meetings with members of Congress, Congressional committees, relevant agencies, and other organizations as follows (in alphabetical order by last name):

Congressional Offices

- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Senator Diane Feinstein
- Congressman Ami Bera
- Congressman John Garamendi
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa
- Congresswoman Doris Matsui
- Congressman Tom McClintock

Congressional Committees

- Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Committee
- Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- House Appropriations Committee
- House Financial Services Committee
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Executive Branch

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army
- Office of Management and Budget, Natural Resources Programs, Water and Power Branch
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Others

- American Rivers
- Office of Governor Jerry Brown