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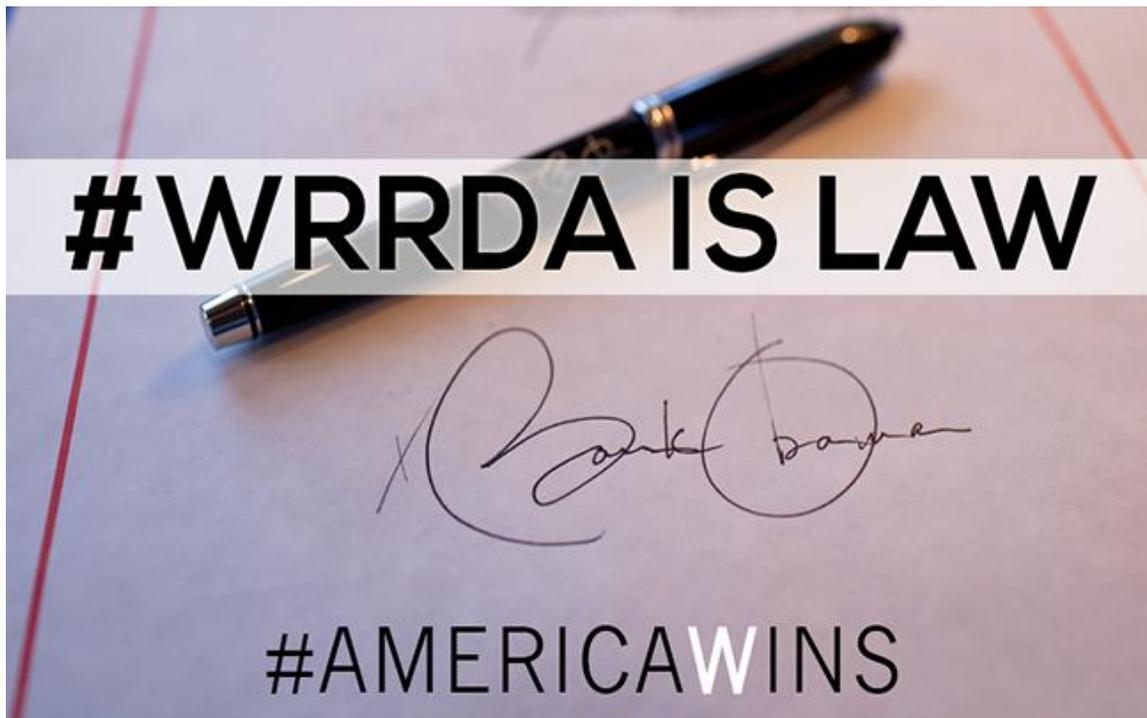
Agenda of June 19, 2014

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 19, 2014

Water Resources Reform and Development Act



The above graphic is from the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure webpage.

On June 10, 2014, President Obama signed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRDDA) into law.



A lot of activity has occurred since the last SAFCA Board meeting in May. Below is a summary of events:

- May 20, 2014 - House of Representatives passes WRRDA on a 412-4 vote
- May 22, 2014 - Senate passes WRRDA on a 91-7 vote
- June 3, 2014 - WRRDA presented to the President
- June 10, 2014 - WRRDA executed by, the President

WRRDA authorizes 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. Reflecting the significance of WRRDA to our region as well as the leadership they demonstrated in moving the legislation, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Mayor Kevin Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem and SAFCA Board Chair Angelique Ashby were present during the White House signing ceremony.

I want to thank Congresswoman Matsui, other members of the Sacramento-area congressional delegation and our elected leaders here in Sacramento for their tireless efforts in support of WRRDA and especially the Natomas project. I should point out that Congresswoman Matsui's bills relating to authorizing "earmark"-free projects, levee vegetation and non-Federal crediting served as templates for the language in the final bill.

I also want to acknowledge the outstanding support from Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein for our initiatives. As Chairman of the Senate authorizing committee, Senator Boxer led the effort on WRRDA in the Senate and demonstrated that strong leadership and bipartisanship can prevail in Washington. Senator Feinstein not only supported WRRDA, she also sponsored freestanding legislation on key provisions of the bill and, of course, has always been a leader and supporter of funding for the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers (USACE) on Sacramento projects. We are fortunate to have such a capable and dedicated congressional delegation.

I also want to thank our SAFCA Board members for all their efforts and support in getting WRRDA executed. While I have been Executive Director, Angelique Ashby our current Chair, and former SAFCA Chairs Phil Serna, Steve Cohn, and John Shiels have all put in tremendous efforts seeking a WRRDA.

American River Watershed, Common Features, General Reevaluation Report (GRR)

The USACE has tentatively set July 25, 2014 as the date for public release of the American River Watershed, Common Features, Draft General Reevaluation Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report.

SAFCA will review the details of the Draft GRR as they become available from the USACE and will present the Draft GRR to the SAFCA Board at the July 17, 2014 meeting.

American River Common Features, Construction

This summer, the USACE will have several sites under construction and some sites are already under way. This represents the last remaining work left under the WRDA 96/99 authorization. The sites being worked on this summer and into the next year are:

- Jacob Lane C - Levee reshaping near Arden Way along the American River. Work is already underway;
- Mayhew Levee Extension - design is not complete but work is expected to be completed by next summer;
- Howe Avenue (Left Bank) - contractor on site to install cutoff wall;
- H Street (both sides) - contractor should be on-site in July to install cutoff wall;
- Business 80/Cal Expo - contractor will install cutoff wall;
- NEMDC extension - construct about 1800-feet of cutoff wall downstream of the Arden Garden connector; and
- River Park (L5A) - finish construction associated with installation of a cutoff wall started last year.

Transition to Self-Administration

By way of update on the transition to a self-administered personnel system, we are still working through the CalPERS process. CalPERS has not been able to give us a firm timeline yet. Because of the new tax law, CalPERS has been initiating the same process

with JPA's and other agencies in similar situations across the State. It appears they are proceeding cautiously to ensure they are consistent in how these transitions are being handled.

SAFCA has an extensive transition plan in place and has done the preparation work to ensure a smooth transition once the timing from CalPERS is known. We will continue to keep the Board informed as the transition progresses.

Assistant Secretary of the Army Visit to Folsom JFP

On June 3, 2014, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy; Major General John W. Peabody, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations; Brigadier General C. David Turner, South Pacific Division Commander; Colonel Michael Farrell, District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District; and others from Corps Headquarters visited the Joint Federal Project at Folsom Dam. The non-Federal sponsors, SAFCA and the State, were in attendance.

Issuance of NBLAD Bonds

At the May 15, 2014 SAFCA Board meeting, the Board approved resolutions relating to the issuance of bonds in connection with the Natomas Basin Local Assessment District (NBLAD). The bond sales and closing occurred since the May Board meeting. SAFCA consultants were able to sell the bonds at the ideal moment and achieved a most favorable interest rates, right before interest rates started climbing again. After paying off the outstanding SAFCA Bond Anticipation Notes, SAFCA realized over \$33 million for project purposes.