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Agenda of July 17, 2014

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 17, 2014

Appropriations Bill

On July 10th the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2015 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The U.S. Senate still has not acted on an appropriations bill. The House bill included the full funding for SAFCA projects that was in the President's proposed budget - \$92.6 million for the Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project, \$1.2 million for the Folsom Dam Raise Project and \$675,000 for the American River Common Features Project for a total of \$94.475 million for SAFCA projects.

Change of Command

On June 30, 2014, the South Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a Change of Command Ceremony. Colonel (Promotable) Mark Toy took command of the South Pacific Division. Colonel Toy has been serving as the Chief of Staff at Corps Headquarters in Washington D.C. He has also served as the Los Angeles District Commander. He comes to the position with a significant amount of Civil Works experience. His bio is included as an attachment.



Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project Update

Recently there have been a couple of significant milestones reached for the ongoing construction at the Joint Federal Project at Folsom Dam.

On Friday, July 11th, the final concrete topping out of the new auxiliary dam was placed. Additionally, the contractor has started installing the new tainter gates. Each of these gates when assembled weigh about 180 tons. The first picture below shows the skin plate of a tainter gate being lifted into place. The second picture shows the installed tainter gate from the lake side of the gate. .





Central Valley Flood Protection Board

On July 11th, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) held a special meeting at the West Sacramento City Council Chambers followed by a tour. The CVFPB heard a presentation on the Lower Sacramento Delta North regional planning effort. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) presented an update on the West Sacramento General Reevaluation Report and the American River Watershed, Common Features and General Reevaluation Report. After the presentations, the CVFPB toured the proposed West Sacramento Project site and current Common Features construction sites on the American River.

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

The USACE is working on a date for the public release of the American River Watershed, Common Features, Draft General Reevaluation Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report. SAFCA is working with the USACE as it prepares the document for public release. We anticipate enough of the details will be developed to present the Draft GRR to the SAFCA Board at the August 21, 2014 Board meeting.

SAFCA Levee Accreditation Effort

In addition to presenting the Draft GRR to the Board in August, we will also give the Board a presentation on the SAFCA levee accreditation effort.

Lower Sacramento Delta North Region Plan

At the August Board meeting we will also be presenting the Lower Sacramento Delta North regional planning report. This has been prepared as part of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. SAFCA has been part of the planning effort for the last couple of years. This plan will help determine that future State funding for the projects.