

## ITEM 1

Agenda of May 19, 2016

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

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**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 19, 2016**

### **American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Chief's Report**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Chief of Engineers signed the Chief's Report for the American River Watershed Common Features General Reevaluation Report (ARCF GRR) on April 26, 2016. The total first cost of the plan presented in the Chief's Report is \$1,565,750,000. With a signed Chief's Report, the ARCF GRR can now be considered for authorization in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016. A copy is enclosed as Attachment 1.

### **Water Resources Development Act 2016 Update**

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) released its draft WRDA of 2016 on April 25, 2016. It did not include SAFCA's ARCF GRR since the Chief's Report had not been signed yet. However, on April 28, 2016, EPW added the ARCF GRR as part of the Manager's markup (see Attachment 2). The amended WRDA was reported out of EPW with a 19-1 favorable vote. It now starts the process of getting to the Senate floor for a vote.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee is working on its version of WRDA. The Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the T&I Committee held a hearing on February 24, 2016 entitled "A Review of the United State Army Corps of Engineers Reports to Congress on Future Water Resources Development and Chief's Reports." The original indication was that this hearing would be the cutoff for Chief's Reports to be included in WRDA 2016. This was going to be a problem trying to get the ARCF GRR Chief's Report included since was signed after the hearing. However, the T&I Committee is holding another hearing on May 17, 2016 entitled "A Review of Recently Completed United State Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports." This should allow the ARCF GRR to be considered in the House version of WRDA.

### **Annual SAFCA Chair and Vice-Chair Washington D.C. Trip**

The annual SAFCA Board Chair and Vice-Chair Washington D.C. trip will take place from Sunday, May 15, 2016 through Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Mike Strachn, SAFCA's consultant with Dawson and Associates has arranged the following meetings:

Mr. Lowry Crook, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works);  
Mr. Let Mon Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Legislation (OASA)(CW);  
Mr. Steve Stockton, Director of Civil Works, Headquarters, Army Corps of Engineers; and  
Mr. David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Strachn is also setting up meetings with the following offices:

Congresswoman Doris Matsui;  
Congressman John Garamendi;  
Congressman Ami Bera;  
Senator Diane Feinstein;  
Senator Barbara Boxer;  
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee;  
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; and  
House & Senate Appropriations Committees.

The general topics will include:

- WRDA 2016 - emphasizing the need to include the American River Watershed Common Features GRR Chief's Report and a modification to provisions of law relating to credit for non-Federal contributions;
- FY 2017 funding - emphasizing the need for Congress to accept project funding levels proposed by the President;
- Project updates - Folsom Joint Federal Project (JFP), Natomas levees, Folsom Raise, Folsom Water Control manual, etc.; and
- Other *ad hoc* topics – such as levee vegetation guidance.

### **American River Watershed Folsom Dam Modifications - Joint Federal Project**

The final concrete placement occurred at the JFP on April 28, 2016. The remaining work includes earth work and site clean-up. A photograph of the final concrete placement is shown below:



### Florin Creek Activities

Work is well underway on SAFCA's led Florin Creek Multi-Use Basin Project. Soil is being hauled off and in June 2016, landscaping activities will begin.

### South Basin



North Basin



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In addition, the USACE has begun work on their Florin Creek improvements from Franklin Blvd. to Highway 99.

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