

Agenda of December 15, 2016

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 15, 2016

DECEMBER 15, 2016 SAFCA BOARD MEETING

I am unable to attend the December 15, 2016 SAFCA Board meeting and I will not be available that day. If any of you have any questions, please contact me before Thursday or contact Jason Campbell.

JANUARY 19, 2017 SAFCA BOARD MEETING

The January 19, 2017 SAFCA Board Meeting will be held at City Hall. The election for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at that meeting and the new Chair will determine the location of the meetings for February 2017 through January 2018.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION (WIIN) ACT

On Thursday, December 8, 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, which includes the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 16), on a 360 to 61 vote. Though the overall bill is called the WINN Act, Title I (only 30% of the total text) will be known as WRDA 2016.

The bill became controversial when certain California drought provisions were added to the bill. It was especially contentious in the Senate. However, on Saturday, December 10, 2016, the U.S. Senate passed the bill on a 78 to 21 vote. The bill still needs to be signed by the President to become law. At the time of writing this report, the President had not taken any action on the bill.

Section 1401 of the bill did include an authorization for the American River Watershed Common Features work identified in the Common Features General Reevaluation Report (GRR). The authorization was for \$1,595,761,000, which is the largest authorization for a SAFCA project to date.

Section 1166 of the bill included the SAFCA requested language on the transfer of excess credits from one project to another project. The intent of the language is to facilitate the use of excess

credits from Natomas to the non-Federal share for the Folsom Dam Raise or for the GRR construction in the future.

FEDERAL FY 2017 CONTINUING RESOLUTION APPROVED

The Continuing Resolution that was funding the Federal Government when the new Federal fiscal year began October 1, 2016, was set to expire December 9, 2016. On Thursday, December 8, 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act 2017, funding the government through April 28, 2017 on a 326 to 96 vote.

Just before midnight (and the shutdown deadline) on December 9, 2016, the U.S. Senate passed the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act 2017 and the President signed it into law. So the Federal fiscal crisis is averted and work on SAFCA projects can continue to progress forward by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLOOD AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

As mentioned in the November Executive Director report, SAFCA has been a member of the National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) for a number of years. On December 6, 2016, NAFSMA and the USACE held a Partnership Meeting in Washington D.C. SAFCA participated in that meeting. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss in detail a number of issues and policies that affect SAFCA projects with the USACE, the State, and other agencies from all over the country.

Additionally, Leslie Gallagher, the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, is now serving on the NAFSMA Board. In addition to the NAFSMA meetings, I accompanied Ms. Gallagher to a number of meetings on Capitol Hill aimed at explaining the State's Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, the upcoming 2017 update, and how the various SAFCA projects fit into that plan.

In addition, SAFCA held a number of separate meetings while I was in Washington D.C. to continue the effort to advocate for support and funding for SAFCA projects.