



ITEM 1

Agenda of May 18, 2017

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 18, 2017

CAP-TO-CAP WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

The annual CAP-to-CAP trip took place April 26 - May 3, 2017, in Washington D.C. There were 27 members on the flood team this year with 10 members who also participated as their second choice. Three issue papers were prepared as follows:

- Modernization of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for Agriculture (Attachment 1)
 - Requested Action: Support modification of the NFIP to eliminate financial disincentives to agricultural operations in the floodplain and actively engage with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement recommendations of the Agricultural Floodplain Management Task Force (AFOTF).
 - Summary of Background: FEMA's revised flood insurance rate maps have become a significant problem for agriculture in the Sacramento Valley. Changes are needed to the NFIP to promote a vibrant agricultural economy in the Sacramento Valley. The AFOTF issued a report in December 2016 making nine recommendations for changes that FEMA can make within its discretionary authority that need to be acted upon.
- Optimizing the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 Decisions (Attachment 2)
 - Requested Action: Active engagement by the USACE to clarify the headquarter and regional office roles, and to consider the use of nationwide permits like Section 404 permits.
 - Summary of Background: The USACE is updating Engineering Circular 1165-2-214 which provides guidance for processing Section 408 requests for alteration of Federally authorized levees. The interim guidance delegates decisions for some 408 requests to the regional office to streamline the

process. This is a significant step but more clarity is needed so that streamlined approvals occur.

- Infrastructure Investments to Reduce Flood Risk in California's Capital Region (Attachment 3)
 - Requested Action: Accelerated investment for construction of ongoing flood risk reduction projects and new start appropriations for three recently authorized flood projects.
 - Summary of Background: These actions are necessary for the continued reduction of flood risk in California's Capital Region. Projects in the planning, design, and construction phases are critical to reduce life safety risk for more than one million people living in the floodplain, protect tens of billions of dollars of existing infrastructure, sustain the region's rich agricultural productivity, and support economic growth.

The flood team met with the following offices, individuals, and agencies:

- Senator Diane Feinstein;
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- Office of Senator Kamala Harris;
- Congresswoman Doris Matsui;
- Congressman Ami Bera;
- Congressman John Garamendi;
- Congressman Tom McClintock;
- Congressman Doug LaMalfa Office;
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters;
- Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Army for Civil Works;
- Council on Environmental Quality;
- House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development;
- Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee;
- American Rivers;
- Office of Management and Budget, Natural Resources Programs, Water and Power Branch;
- American Farm Bureau Federation;
- House Financial Services Committee;
- Federal Emergency Management Agency; and
- House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

California Water Plan Update 2018

The SAFCA Executive Director has been requested to serve on the California Water Plan Policy Advisory Committee (Policy AC) for the 2018 California Water Plan Update. One of the requests of the Policy AC members is to keep the SAFCA Board updated on the activities of the 2018 California Water Plan Update.

Information from previous meetings was provided in the Executive Director Report for the October and November 2016 SAFCA Board Meetings. The latest meeting of the California Water Plan Policy Advisory Committee was held on April 24, 2017. The following agenda outlines the items presented. Attachments 4 and 5 are the materials that were presented at the meeting.

AGENDA

#	TIM	CONTENT	PRESENTERS
1.	9:30	Registration	Team
2.	10:00	Welcome & Overview, Introductions 1. Agenda	Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager, DWR
3.	10:10	Opening Remarks: Current events and the Water Plan	Gary Bardini, Deputy Director, DWR
4.	10:25	Building Capacity for Regional Sustainability: Take-Aways	Art Hinojosa, Division Chief, DWR
5.	10:40	<i>Discussion:</i> Framing Water Policy for Update 2018 1. Given the occurrence and impact of current events, what should Update 2018 try to accomplish or incorporate? 2. Given DWR's intent to support managing for sustainability at a regional scale, what findings and recommendations should the Water Plan Team consider for Update 2018?	All
6.	11:20	Water Plan Update 2018 Draft Chapter Orientation Overview of chapter content and flow of information. <input type="checkbox"/> Assumptions & Estimates Report <input type="checkbox"/> Chapters 1-5	Paul Massera, Water Plan Manager, DWR
7.	11:30	Working Lunch Legislative Perspectives on Water Policy	Rachel Ehlers, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office
8.	12:30	Sustainability Outlook (Chapter 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Key Findings (Challenges and Disruptors)	Paul Massera
	12:40	<i>Discussion:</i> 1. What are some of the challenges you have observed at the local, regional, or statewide scale that impede progress toward sustainable water resources management? 2. What are the root causes of those challenges?	All

9.	1:00	Policy Recommendations (Chapter 3) Draft Policy Recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Modernization <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity-Building <input type="checkbox"/> Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations & Regulatory Action <input type="checkbox"/> Funding 	Jenny Marr, Supervising Engineer, DWR
	1:10	<i>Discussion:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What red flags or concerns, if any, do you have for draft policy recommendations? 2. What additional (or reframing of existing) policy recommendations should we consider that would help the Water Plan align and integrate water resources planning to advance sustainable water resources management across the state? 	All
10.	2:00	Ten Minute Stretch	
11.	2:10	Funding Plan (Chapter 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attributes of a successful funding strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment of potential funding methods 	Paul Massera
	2:25	<i>Discussion:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can be done to make current funding mechanisms more effective in supporting State government's role in local/regional assistance and statewide sustainable water resources management? 2. What new funding mechanisms could better enable State government to provide local/regional assistance and statewide sustainable water resources management? 	All
12.	3:10	Public Comment (By registration, please complete a registration card and turn into staff or a facilitator)	All
13.	3:15	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Homework/submittal/deadlines <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule 	Kamyar Guivetchi
14.	3:30	ADJOURN	

FISCAL YEAR 2017 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS:

After another short Continuing Resolution, Congress finally passed and the President signed into Law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 on May 5, 2017, more than 7 months into the Federal Fiscal Year 2017. The following table shows the appropriations for SAFCA projects. In addition, funding was provided for the USACE to determine in a work plan for activities nationwide as follows:

- Additional \$190 million for flood/storm damage reduction (either riverine or coastal)
- Additional \$150 million for flood control (riverine)

We will coordinate with the USACE to explore possibilities for getting additional funding for our activities.

SAFCA Federal FY 2017 Appropriations – Status Chart
(\$ in Millions)

PROJECT	FY 2016 Omnibus Approps 12/18/156 P.L.114-113	FY 2016 CoE Work Plan Add 2/9/16	FY 2016 TOTAL	FY 2017 Budget 2/9/16	Senate Bill Passed 5/12/16 (H.R.2028, S.Rpt. 114- 236)	House Bill Reported 4/14/16 (H.R.5055, H.Rpt. 114- 532)	Omnibus Final 5-5-17
American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications/JFP) – Const.	56.024	5.000	61.024	20.74	20.74	20.74	20.740
American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Raise) – Const.	18.641	0	18.641	21.04	21.04	21.04	0 <u>1/</u>
American River Common Features, Natomas Basin – Invest.	3.500	0	3.500	0	0	0	0
American River Common Features, Natomas Basin – Const.	0	11.000	11.000	21.15	21.15	21.15	21.150
TOTAL	78.165	16.000	94.165	62.93	62.93	62.93	41.890
Other:							
Sacramento River Bank Protection – Const.	6.000	0	6.000	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.000
Sacramento River Bk. Prot. GRR - Feasibility	0	0	0	0.625	0.625	0.625	0.625

1/ Design considerations resulted in delay of initiation of construction.