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Agenda of December 21, 2017

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

**FROM: Richard M. Johnson, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 21, 2017

Federal FY 2018 Appropriations Update

The Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 started on October 1, 2017. Congress was unable to pass appropriation bills for FY 2018 prior to October 1st, and consequently, passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) until December 8, 2017. With negotiations nearly to the eleventh hour on December 8th, the Congress averted a Federal government shutdown and agreed to a 2-week stopgap funding measure through December 22nd. Nonetheless, the agreement is a temporary reprieve, because it is likely that final FY 2018 levels won't be decided until early next year. The CR again extends the National Flood Insurance Program, making it a virtual certainty that a multi-year authorization will also be deferred to next year.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

As previously reported, President Trump has nominated R.D. James to be the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. Mr. James has most recently served as a civilian member and engineer on the Mississippi River Commission. On November 14, 2017, the Senate Armed Services Committee advanced his nomination. On December 6, 2017, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee held its oversight hearing on the nominee. The White House's pick to lead the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now headed to the Senate floor after his nomination cleared the EPW Senate committee Dec. 13, 2017.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

Mr. Ryan A. Fisher was appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) on November 6, 2017, and is serving as the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). As Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary he provides policy and performance oversight for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program.



CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- Jan 2017--Oct 2017: Chief, Planning and Environmental Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Mar 2016 -- Dec 2016: Chief, Plan Formulation and Economics Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Jul 2009 -- Feb 2016: Outreach Coordinator, Management Initiatives Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Jun 2008 -- Jun 2009: Development Assistant and Manager of Special Events, United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Jan 2007 -- Apr 2008: Senior Associate, Burson-Marsteller, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Jan 2001 -- Dec 2006: Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Mike Pence, Washington, D.C.
- Jun 2000 -- Dec 2000: Advance Team Director, Mike Pence for Congress, Anderson, IN.
- Jun 1998 -- Jun 2000: Legislative Assistant, Offices of Senator Patricia Miller & Senator Murray Clark, Indianapolis, IN.

COLLEGE: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Miami University, Oxford, OH

On Tuesday, December 5th, Mike Strachn, Bory Steinberg and I had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Fisher. Mr. Doug LaMont was also in attendance. We were able to provide some basics on Sacramento and our flood risk reduction program.