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Agenda of June 21, 2018

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 21, 2018

Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2018 Work Plan

The Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Omnibus bill passed March 23, 2018 contained additional funding for flood projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to allocate through a work plan. That work plan was released on June 11, 2018. The work plan more than doubled the Federal Appropriations for USACE projects for which SAFCA is a sponsor for FY 2018 as shown on the following table.

Federal Appropriations – Status Chart
(\$ in Millions)

PROJECT	FY 2017 TOTAL	FY 2018 Omnibus 3-23-18	FY 2018 Work Plan	FY 2018 TOTAL
American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications/JFP) – Construction	22.74	0	26.0	26.0
American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Raise) – Construction	0	5.775	0	5.775
American River Common Features, Natomas Basin – Construction	52.65	20.55	10.45	31.0
American River Common Features, WRDA 2016 – Investigation	2,823	0	0.907	0.907
TOTAL	78.213	26.325	37.357	63.682

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief

Congress provided additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief on February 9, 2018. The law provides \$15,055,000,000 for USACE authorized projects and the funding remains available until expended. Of that, \$10,425,000,000 is to be spent on projects in states and insular areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. The remainder of the funding is available for states and insular areas that have experienced more than one flood-related major Federally declared disaster during calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016, or 2017. The Administration has not yet released the plan detailing which projects are to be funded through this fund.

American River Watershed Common Features Project, Natomas Basin

SAFCA Real Estate Activities

SAFCA sent offer letters to several of the properties where real estate is required for levee work and the Riverside Canal relocation in Reach B and two offers for utility poleline easements in Reach I.

USACE Construction Activities

USACE has provided the following update for Natomas Basin Construction Reaches. Please refer to Attachment 1 for reach designations:

- Reach D
 - The USACE held the Reach D bid opening on March 29, 2018, utilizing the Small Business Administration (SBA) program.
 - The low bid was just over \$24 million, which is about what the Government Estimate was for both the base bid (Vestal drain relocation) and the options (all pump station work).
 - There was a protest to the SBA concerning the qualifications of the low bidder to compete under the program.
 - SBA Denied Protest.
 - Contract awarded May 10, 2018.
 - The SBA response lead to another protest which is being dealt with at Division.
 - Construction - 2018 (Vestal drain) and 2019 (Vestal drain and pump stations).

- Reach I, Contract 1
 - The original Request for Proposals solicitation has gone through two (2) contract awards, 2 contract protests, and finally after the third try, the solicitation was cancelled completely.
 - The USACE is utilizing a different contracting mechanism in an attempt to reduce the chance of a successful protest.

- The USACE has established a qualified bidders list (QBL), consisting of 13 contractors.
- An Invitation for Bid (IFB) solicitation was sent to the contractors on the QBL on June 7, 2018.
- The Contract award date is scheduled for August 1, 2018.
- The goal is to be able to have construction of a seepage blanket under Interstate 5 in 2018.
- In 2019, the contractor will construct two miles of cutoff wall requiring a total road closure of Garden Highway.
- Mitigation Contract
 - There have been 5,000 tree seedlings being planted under the USACE mitigation contract.

Bryte Landfill

On March 30, 2018, SAFCA's purchase of the Bryte Landfill became final. SAFCA can now proceed with the clean-up and removal of the landfill ahead of construction activities by both the State of California and the USACE.

SAFCA Board Chair Washington DC Trip

The annual SAFCA Board Chair Washington D.C. trip took place June 10 through Jun 13, 2018. SAFCA Board Chair Nick Avdis was accompanied by SAFCA Board Member Patrick Kennedy, SAFCA Deputy Executive Director Jason Campbell, and SAFCA Executive Director Rick Johnson. Mike Strachn arranged and attended all the meetings in addition to Dr. Bory Steinberg, who attended some of the meetings, as appropriate. The meetings included the following:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Commisioner's Office;
- Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Senate;
- Senior Advisor, Infrastructure and Energy, California State Office in Washington;
- Office of Congressman Jeff Denham;
- Office of Congressman Ami Bera;
- Director of Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers, Headquarters;
- Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein;
- Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R. D. James;
- Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, House of Representatives; and
- Congresswoman Doris Matsui.