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Agenda of September 20, 2018

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

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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Bill

Both the House and Senate passed the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill as part of a 3-bill “minibus” spending package last week. If the President signs it, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will have its FY 2019 funding when the Fiscal Year starts October 1, 2018.

The bill contains \$42 Million to continue construction on the American River Watershed Common Features, Natomas Basin Project. The bill also includes about \$300 Million in non-project specific funding for flood control projects, to be used as decided by the Administration, pursuant to a Work Plan. The Administration has 60 days from when the bill is signed to execute a Work Plan. There may be an opportunity to get some additional funding for Natomas through that process.

The bill includes language prohibiting any of the funding to be used to implement a plan to transfer the Civil Works Program out from underneath the USACE.

America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

Both the House and Senate have passed the “America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018,” which replaces the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018. It is now up to the President to sign the bill for it to become law.

While SAFCA did not have any project authorizations or specific requests in this legislation, there are some provisions of interest:

- Section 1137 changed Section 1043 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act 2014 to allow more projects to be eligible for non-Federal sponsors to perform the construction. The American River Watershed Common Features WRDA 2016 work falls into that category.

- Section 1102 directed the National Academy of Sciences to study the USACE's ability to perform its Civil Works mission and to make recommendations on how to improve USACE processes.