



## ITEM 1

Agenda of December 20, 2018

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

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**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 20, 2018**

### **Yolo Bypass - Cache Slough Partnership Meeting**

In 2015, Governor Brown initiated a process to bring together a partnership of all the various agencies looking at projects in the Yolo Bypass to assist in pursuing an inclusive and coordinated approach to implementing Yolo Bypass flood and habitat restoration projects. This first Partnership meeting was held to formally initiate that effort on September 2, 2015. The second Partnership meeting was held on February 9, 2016.

As a result of these two meetings, a Yolo Bypass - Cache Slough Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed. The MOU indicates the signatories' intention to improve integration across Yolo Bypass flood management, habitat restoration, agriculture, economic sustainability efforts, and to improve collaboration on project planning, environmental review, implementation, and related matters.

Partnership members expect that efforts to improve integration, alignment, and coordination related to Yolo Bypass activities will result in accelerated project construction, improved regulatory certainties, greater public benefit outcomes, reduced environmental impacts, and stronger economies, including the local agricultural economy, than would otherwise be possible.

At the February 18, 2016 Board Meeting, the SAFCA Board approved Resolution No. 2016-023 "Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute the Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough Partnership Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaboration and Cooperation in the Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough Region."

One of the projects that is covered by this MOU is the general reevaluation of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project. At the January 21, 2016 Board meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2016-007, authorizing execution of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Regional Agencies to participate in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE's) Sacramento River general reevaluation process, and take all actions reasonably necessary to fulfill the intent of the MOA. Additionally, in the MOA, the parties established the Sacramento River Flood Control Project General Reevaluation Report Local Agency Executive Committee (Local Agency Executive Committee). The Local Agency Executive Committee members will provide

direction and oversight regarding activities undertaken by its representatives on the Technical Advisory Committee.

At the February 18, 2016 SAFCA Board meeting, the SAFCA Board approved Resolution No. 2016-022 appointing Jeff Harris to serve as SAFCA's member on the Local Agency Executive Committee. In this capacity, Mr. Harris also serves as the SAFCA Board representative at Yolo Bypass - Cache Slough Partnership meetings.

On December 6, 2018, the Yolo Bypass - Cache Slough Partnership held its third Partnership meeting. Mr. Harris represented SAFCA at this meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to get the partnership functioning actively again. The following two draft documents were presented, and discussed:

1. **Vision document:** outlines the importance of a programmatic approach for project development and implementation and the resource needs anticipated to further develop and execute this "Roadmap" approach; and
2. **The Yolo Bypass and Cache Slough Region Program Development and Implementation Partnership Roadmap:** this document plus appendices describes a set of guiding principles and desired outcomes, a program of projects, common challenges, and an organizational structure to guide collaboration.

The Partnership invitee list is included below:

- **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation:** Federico Barajas
  - Other staff: Mario Manzo, Ben Nelson, Janice Pinero
- **National Marine Fisheries Service:** Maria Rea OR Howard Brown
  - Other staff: Garwin Yip, Doug Hampton
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service :** Kaylee Allen
  - Other staff: Jennifer Hobbs, Heather Swinney, Jana Affonso
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:** Alicia Kirchner
  - Other staff: Felix Young, Ryan Larson, Kevin Lee, Randy Olsen, Mark Cowan
- **CA Natural Resources Agency:** Mike Roberts
- **CA Department of Water Resources:** Cindy Messer
  - Other staff: Kris Tjernell, Mary Jimenez, Jeremy Arrich, Catherine McCalvin, Joe Bartlett, Karen Enstrom, Eric Tsai, Dean Messer, Bill Harrell, Rachel Taylor, Dan Riordan
- **CA Department of Fish and Wildlife:** Chuck Bonham
  - Other staff: Carl Wilcox, Brooke Jacobs
- **State Water Resource Control Board:** Eric Oppenheimer, (maybe Eileen Sobeck)
- **Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board:** Jim Marshall and Stephanie Tadlock
- **Central Valley Flood Protection Board:** William Edgar
  - Other staff: Andrea Buckley, Ruth Darling
- **Yolo County:** Oscar Villegas, Jim Provenza
  - Other staff: Elisa Sabatini, Alex Tengolics, Richard Reed

- **Solano County:** Skip Thomson, John Vasquez
  - Other staff: Roberta Goulart, Bill Emlen, Dan Wolk
- **SAFCA:** Jeff Harris
  - Other staff: Rick Johnson, Tim Washburn, Jason Campbell, Gary Bardini, David Gonsalves
- **SCWA:** Ron Kott
  - Other staff: Tom Pate, Roland Sanford
- **RD 2068:** Mike Hardesty
  - Other staff: Dale Crossley, Bryan Busch
- **WSAFCA:** Tom Ramos
  - **Other staff:** Greg Fabun
- **Other attendees:**
  - Doug Brown, Douglas Environmental
  - Nicole Ortega-Jewell, MBK
  - Ric Reinhardt, MBK
  - Eric Nagy, Larsen Wurzel & Associates
  - Mike Harty, Facilitator
  - Terra Alpaugh, Facilitator

### **Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Work Plan**

The Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill was signed by the President on September 21, 2018. The bill contains \$42 Million to continue construction on the American River Watershed Common Features, Natomas Basin Project (Natomas Project).

The Federal FY 2018 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill also contained additional funding for flood projects for the USACE to allocate through a work plan. That work plan was released on November 21, 2018. The work plan added an additional \$22.65 Million for the construction on the Natomas Project, for a total of \$64.54 Million in FY 2019.

The following table shows the comparison of Federal funding for the last few fiscal years. Since the American River Watershed Common Features, WRDA 2016 Project and the American River Watershed Folsom Dam Raise Project were fully funded under the Supplemental Appropriations in 2018, that allows us to focus on funding for the Natomas Project on an annual basis. The FY 2019 Federal appropriations will provide the USACE sufficient funding to advertise and award the construction for features in Reach B.

The map following the table depicts progress on the 42 miles of levees protecting the Natomas Basin that need to be reconstructed to meet the new standards. The levees in light blue are those where the construction was completed by SAFCA. The areas in dark blue are the levees and pumping plants currently under construction by the USACE. The portion in dark green is the area that is in procurement and will be awarded around the first of 2019. The section in yellow is the portion of Reach B that was funded by the Federal FY 2019 appropriations and will be awarded in 2019. Finally, the areas in pink are the ones remaining to be addressed.



### Federal Appropriations – Status Chart

PROJECT	FY 2015 TOTAL	FY 2016 TOTAL	FY 2017 TOTAL	FY 2018 TOTAL	FY 2019 Approps	FY 2019 Work Plan	FY 2019 TOTAL
American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications/JFP) – Construction	92,600,000	61,024,000	22,740,000	26,000,000	0	0	0
American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Raise) – Construction	1,200,000	18,641,000	0	222,298,185	0	0	0
American River Common Features, Natomas Basin – Investigation	1,500,000	3,500,000	0	0	0	0	0
American River Common Features, Natomas Basin – Construction	0	11,000,000	52,650,000	31,000,000	42,000,000	22,650,000	64,650,000
American River Common Features, WRDA 2016 – Investigation	0	0	2,823,000	907,000	0	0	0
American River Common Features, WRDA 2016 – Construction	0	0	0	1,565,750,000	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,300,000</b>	<b>94,165,000</b>	<b>78,213,000</b>	<b>1,845,955,185</b>	<b>42,000,000</b>	<b>22,650,000</b>	<b>64,650,000</b>

