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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chair, Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Member of the Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
SD-186 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The California Water Commission, which has statutory responsibility to coordinate federal flood appropriations requests on behalf of the State of California, respectfully urges your support of federal funding in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget to improve flood management and raise the level of flood protection in our State.

In recent years, the State of California, local agencies and the federal government have begun to make significant progress to improve integrated flood management and improve facilities that protect communities, especially within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley a region which has one of the highest flood risks in the country. This work has included site assessments, urgent repairs and State and local flood system project improvements. Key to success in these efforts has been, and will continue to be, a strong partnership between the federal, State and local agencies, and sustained investments to finance these improvements.

Historically, one of the most important charges of the Water Commission has been to present its views to Congress on appropriations for flood control projects planned or constructed in California under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers or reclamation projects being planned by the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior. Consistent with that role, the Commission supports the attached project list, which was prepared by the California Department of Water Resources and submitted to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, and members of the House of Representatives earlier this year. The list identifies 23 critical flood control projects and studies for the FY 2012 budget that will help meet some of the immediate and long-term flood protection priorities for the State of California.

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April 25, 2011
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Although the Commission is well aware of the extreme pressures on federal funding this year, it is certainly in the best interests of our State and country to provide funding that reflects the project implementation capability of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and which will enable work to proceed on projects that are urgently needed to protect public safety and reduce the potential for flood damage to communities in our State.

Thank you for your consideration of the requests. If you have any questions, please contact the California Water Commission's Executive Officer, Sue Sims, at (916) 653-6055.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Kelley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Paul Kelley
Vice-Chair, California Water Commission
Chair, Federal Appropriations Committee

Attachment

DWR FY 2012 Appropriations Request Project List

1. American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications), CA \$28,000,000
Construction
2. American River Watershed (Common Features), CA \$37,000,000 (\$32,000,000
Construction and \$5,000,000 GRR)
3. Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, CA \$18,800,000 Construction
4. South Sacramento County Streams, CA \$5,000,000 Construction
5. West Sacramento, CA \$1,000,000 GRR
6. Yuba River Basin, CA \$5,000,000 (\$4,600,000 Construction and \$400,000
GRR)
7. Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study, CA \$1,000,000
Investigations
8. Sacramento River Flood Control (GRR), CA (System Evaluation) \$1,200,000
Investigations
9. Mid-Valley Area Levee Reconstruction, CA \$11,000,000 Construction
10. CALFED Levee Stability Program, CA \$22,350,000 Construction
11. Sac-San Joaquin Delta, Delta Islands and Levees, CA \$2,624,000
Investigations
12. Sutter County, CA \$339,000 Investigations
13. San Joaquin River Basin, Lower San Joaquin River, CA \$2,000,000
Investigations
14. American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Raise & Bridge), CA \$1,000,000
Construction
15. Hamilton City, CA \$15,000,000 Construction
16. Middle Creek, CA \$1,200,000 Investigations
17. Pajaro River, CA \$4,617,000 Investigations
18. Napa River, CA \$36,500,000 Construction
19. Lower Cache Creek, Yolo County, Woodland and Vicinity, CA \$500,000
Investigations
20. San Joaquin River Basin, West Stanislaus County, Orestimba Creek, CA
\$222,550 Investigations
21. Merced County Streams, CA \$500,000 (FCSA/GRR)
22. San Joaquin River Basin, White River and Deer Creek, CA \$300,000
Investigations
23. San Joaquin River Basin, Frazier Creek, CA \$300,000 Investigations