

DRAFT LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION TO
SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND
SENATE AND HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Dear _____

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. This has included flood risk assessments, urgent repairs, flood system project improvements, and local community improvements. The 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. Dept. of the Interior. Consistent

with that role, the Commission strongly supports the attached project list, which was submitted to Senators Feinstein and Boxer and members of the House of Representatives earlier this year by the California Department of Water Resources. The list identifies 23 critical flood control projects and studies for the FY 2012 budget that support the immediate and long-term flood protection priorities for the State of California.

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 Interim Executive Officer, Sue Sims at (916) 653-6055.

Sincerely,

Anthony Saracino
Chair

and/or

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

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