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President Obama Approves \$86.5 Million for Critical Sacramento Flood Protection Projects

Finalizes Federal Funding Secured by Congresswoman Matsui

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) announced that President Barack Obama signed the 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act today, which is the final step in securing almost \$87 million in federal funding for Sacramento flood protection priorities. The large infusion of federal funds will go a long way to increase Sacramento's protection against flooding, and propel the region toward the goal of 200-year flood protection. The funding was made available through the federal appropriations process that Representative Matsui has advocated for over the last year.

"I have fought extremely hard to ensure our projects are fully funded, and am proud that I have secured an additional \$27 million more than last year," expressed Matsui. "Especially at a time when state and local budgets are shrinking, it is imperative that federal money continues to flow into the region and that we do not lose any time toward achieving our flood protection goals. Bringing home federal funding for our community will always be my number one priority."

Rep. Matsui has been instrumental in making Sacramento flood protection a priority in Congress and securing federal funding for local projects. A long-time champion for Sacramento's flood protection priorities, she believes this funding is an important step in the protecting local residents and communities.

"Sacramento is the most at-risk river city in the country," Matsui stated. "We live among one of the most important water projects in America today that provides water and energy to more than three million people throughout northern California. Without proper protection and levee improvements, a severe storm could cause flooding that would contaminate our water supply and destroy our economy and communities. These appropriations clearly demonstrate that our flood protection projects are a national priority."

The \$86,584,000 for Sacramento flood priorities included in the legislation signed-into law today includes money for the following projects:

American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications) - \$63,016,000

The project involves construction of a 3,500-foot long auxiliary spillway having six submerged tainter gates at the existing Folsom Dam. The Joint Federal Project (JFP) meets the shared goal of a reduced risk of flooding in the Sacramento area in an expedited and cost-effective manner. When completed it will give much of Sacramento over 200-year level protection.

Sacramento River Bank Protection - \$14,171,000

The project solves and prevents levee erosion problems while providing fish and wildlife mitigation features. The existing Sacramento River levees are constantly threatened by erosion and unless continued corrective measures are taken, levee failures may occur with catastrophic damage and possible loss of lives.

American River Watershed (Common Features) - \$6,330,000

The Common Features project consists of installation of slurry walls on the Lower American River levees, modification of the Sacramento River east levee in the Natomas Basin, installation of telemetering gages above Folsom, modification of the strengthening of levees, installation of a closure structure at Mayhew Drain and modification of Natomas Cross Canal Levees flood warning system.

Earlier this year, this project also received \$14,000,000 in funding through the economic stimulus package, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), supported by Rep. Matsui.

South Sacramento County Streams - \$2,500,000

The South Sacramento County Streams project includes channel and levee improvements, detention facilities, ecosystem restoration and recreation features which will protect Sacramento from high water from the Mokelumne-Cosumnes River system, as well as the Morrison Creek watershed.

Earlier this year, this project also received \$4,000,000 in funding through ARRA.

American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Raise) - \$567,000

The authorized Raise project consists of the selected 3.5 foot raise of Folsom Dam reservoir dikes, reconfiguring the Folsom Dam penstocks and the ecosystem restoration projects.

Earlier this year, this project also received \$3,000,000 in funding through ARRA.

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