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Work to Resume on Stalled Levee Project along the West Feather River in Butte County

What: Congressman Doug LaMalfa and Congressman John Garamendi will witness the long-awaited restart of construction on the Feather River West Levee Project, the largest ongoing levee construction project of its kind in the nation. The project was temporarily suspended this year when construction crews working on the levee in Sutter County uncovered significant Native American cultural resources. SBFCA is working collaboratively with the United Auburn Indian Community and the US Army Corps of Engineers on agreements for handling cultural resources in Sutter County, and remaining work will not start until the agreements are finalized. In the meantime, work will kick off on the Butte County segment of the levee.

SBFCA is working to repair 44 miles of levee from the Thermalito Afterbay south to the confluence of the Feather River and Sutter Bypass. Current construction rehabilitates 37 miles stretching from Thermalito to Star Bend. The project is important to protect approximately 95,000 residents in the Sutter-Butte Basin, which includes Sutter County, Butte County, and the cities of Yuba City, Live Oak, Biggs and Gridley. Yuba City was devastated by flooding from a levee failure in 1955, causing loss of life and property. The Feather River West Levee Project represents the first comprehensive levee repair since that time.

When: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 1

Where: Feather River Levee at Vance Avenue – Biggs, CA

Who: Congressman John Garamendi (D), California's Third District
Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R), California's First District
CA Senator Jim Nielsen
CA Assemblyman James Gallagher
Butte County Supervisor Steve Lambert
Butte County Supervisor Bill Connelly
Colonel Mike Farrell, USACE SPK
Gary Bardini, DWR (invited)

Directions: From Sacramento: 99 North to Biggs East Highway
Right on Biggs East Highway
Left on Dos Rio Road (turns into Larkin)
Right on Vance; follow to end of Road

From Chico: 99 South to Biggs East Highway
Left on Biggs East Highway
Left on Dos Rio Road (turns into Larkin)
Right on Vance; follow to end of Road

