



July 5, 2016

Mr. Mike Inamine, Executive Director  
Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency  
1441 Garden Highway  
Yuba City, California 95991

Dear Mr. Inamine,

Subject: Professional Civil Engineer's Response to the Independent Panel of Experts' Comments for the Star Bend Setback Levee Report

The Engineer's Report for compliance with the Urban Levee Design Criteria (ULDC) for the Star Bend Setback Levee was presented to the Independent Panel of Experts (IPE) in accordance with the requirements outlined in the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) Urban Level of Flood Protection (ULOP).

In their June 30, 2016 review letter, the IPE concluded that the information provided in the Engineer's Report provides substantial evidence for an EVD-1 criterion to support a finding that the Star Bend Setback Levee meets all the criteria for a 200-year urban level of flood protection. The flood control features covered by this Engineer's Report are for improvements to the West Levee of the Feather River at Star Bend. All construction for the Star Bend Setback Levee is complete.

The ULOP criteria require a response to the IPE comments by the California Professional Civil Engineer in responsible charge of the Engineer's Report. This letter includes my response to the IPE's minor remaining comments. In summary, none of the comments substantially change the project outlined in the Engineer's Report.

Sincerely,

*for* *Jay S. Punia*  
Jonathan Kors, P.E.  
Vice President

Attachment: Engineer's Response to Specific IPE Comments

cc: Mr. Tom Smith, IPE Chair  
Mr. Drew Stresser, General Manager, LD1