

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

CITIZENS' ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

The Citizens' Assessment District Advisory Committee (CADAC) was established by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) Board of Directors in May 2010. A charter was approved by the SFC Board in September 2010. Chapter VII. B. states that, "CADAC shall complete an annual report and provide it to the SBFCA Board by June 30 of each year."

At CADAC meetings there are staff reports on recent SBFCA activities. The CADAC members are informed of the latest issues and updates so they can go back to community residents and relay this information to them. Concerns from residents and affected property owners are brought up by members in order to get issues resolved for the agency and the residents.

July 2, 2014 meeting: The discovery of 12 Native American sites has caused a work suspension at these sites. This has a potential to cost up to \$10.8 million and may cause a delay in the completion of the levee project.

August 6, 2014 meeting: Construction is going well. Nineteen miles of levees have been degraded. There are nine rigs for slurry walls with one working around the clock. Three more will be working around the clock soon. There are currently 17 Native American cultural sites. This will increase the budget \$17 million. Property owners next to the levee will receive a notice of environmental site assessment.

September 9, 2014 meeting: 17.5 miles of levees in Areas B and C from Starr Bend north to Live Oak are scheduled to be completed this year. These levees will provide 200 year level flood protection. 10 of the 12 Native American sites in Area C have been closed. Costs have been revised down from \$17.5 million to \$10.5 million. Live Oak residents have had a problem with speeding by levee haul trucks. SBFCA staff members have met with contractors in the past and will meet with them again regarding safety concerns with the truck traffic. Well water levels are being monitored and there is no evidence of any effect from the slurry walls.

October 1, 2014 meeting: Due to the low reservoir levels construction work can continue to mid-December. The cost estimate for mitigating the Native American cultural sites is \$10.5 million. The cost estimate for mitigation for the elderberry beetle is \$3.1 million. There is an unknown cost for the possible mitigation of the western yellow-billed cuckoo. The Citizens' Assessment District Advisory Committee approved writing a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting extending the comment time period for the listing of critical habitat for the western yellow-billed cuckoo.

November 5, 2014 meeting: A 60 day extension was granted for the comment period for the designation of critical habitat for the western yellow-billed cuckoo. There may be legal action on the Native American cultural issues. Levee Areas B, C and D are scheduled to be completed at the end of the 2015 construction year. \$81 million of Proposition 1E funding is still needed to finish these areas.

December 3, 2014 meeting: SBFCA is still waiting for commitment from the State for the \$81 million to finish the levee work from Starr Bend north to Thermalito Bay. There is the possibility of grant funding for Levee Area A – from Starr Bend south to the Sutter Bypass.

January 7, 2015 meeting: Sandi Fredrikson was re-elected chair and Elaine Miles and Sandy Watson were elected as co-vice-chairs. SBFCA staff has had numerous meetings with the State on commitment for funding to finish Levee Areas B, C and D from Starr Bend to Thermalito Bay. The Native American Heritage Commission will have a meeting in Rocklin to consider litigation regarding the Feather River West Levee Project.

February 4, 2015 meeting: Vice-chair Sandy Watson designated Roberta Fletcher as secretary pro-tem for CADAC meetings. Levee Area B – Shanghai Bend to Starr Bend is completely finished with the exception of the installation of one pipe. Area C needs rock for the crown road and installation of pipes. One mile near the Gridley Bridge has been completed in Area D. All property negotiations and work on the levee from Thermalito Bay to Starr Bend must be completed before the levees can receive a 200 year certification.

March 4, 2015 meeting: State Senate Bill 5 requires a 200 year urban level of flood protection by 2025. There must be emergency action plans, operation and maintenance plans and a funding document. Urban areas are those with 10,000 or more residents. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has a 100 year flood protection standard. Having it in place minimizes flood insurance costs and allows for typical development. The state enacted the 200 year flood protection for urban areas. Some property owners are still in negotiations on rights-of-way and easements needed for levee construction and permanent access for operations and maintenance.

April 1, 2015 meeting: New members from Butte County were welcomed to the CADAC meeting. SBFCA board member Frank Hall from Gridley arranged to fill the vacancies. There will be a bond sale in May. The bond is a 30 year bond and will be paid for with levee benefit assessment funds. There is still concern of work stoppage and potential litigation against SBFCA due to the Native American artifacts uncovered during construction activities.

May 6, 2015 meeting: Construction work could have started on April 15 but the start date has been delayed due to mitigation of the Native American cultural resources issues. For Butte County levees SBFCA will be working with the Enterprise Rancheria instead of the United Auburn Indian Community as the most likely descendants. A bond not to exceed \$50 million will be issued. The funds will be used to pay off the Rabobank line of credit and for ongoing construction work and related costs.

June 3, 2015 meeting: Due to the Native American cultural issues, levee construction work is still delayed. It is costing \$1.5 million for each month it is suspended. The U.S. Corps of Engineers requires an approved plan to deal with the artifacts. The best estimate for work to begin is July 9. There was a \$45 million bond sale with an interest rate of 3.99%. Once levee construction begins in Butte County there will be 50 haul trucks on the road and they will be making four round trips daily. Many of the roads are narrow country roads and residents and others who travel on them will be impacted.

At all CADAC meetings there are updates on recent SBFCA meetings and discussion on public outreach strategies. There is continuing concern about the Native American cultural resources, right-of-way issues and how they affect property owners.

Current members

Sandi Fredrickson, Chair
Sandy Watson, Co-Vice-Chair
Elaine Miles, Co-Vice-Chair
Roberta Fletcher, Secretary-Pro-Tem
Steve Scriven
Gail Moffitt
Jim Townsend
 Alternate JoAn Townsend
Barbara Rice
Vern Hartman
Lynette Filter
Debbie Gaylord
Jon Munger
Vacant

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City of Yuba City
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County of Butte
County of Butte
County of Butte
City of Biggs
City of Gridley
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We are pleased that a citizens' committee was established and we appreciate the opportunity to be members of the committee providing a service to the residents of Sutter and Butte counties.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Fredrickson, Chair
Citizens' Assessment District Advisory Committee