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LEVEE REINFORCEMENT PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY SUTTER
BUTTE FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY

YUBA CITY, CA – The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) Board of Directors has authorized \$5 million in immediate actions to reinforce the west Feather River levee along Laurel and Cypress Avenues south of Yuba City, and other unimproved areas as identified by SBFCA. Work could begin this week to install approximately 10,000 feet – or nearly two miles – of seepage berm on the landside toe and fill unused and unlined ditches adjacent to the levee. Once started, construction is expected to be completed within 10 days. Full funding for the project may be provided by the state or federal government.

“This is a proactive measure given the Oroville spillway issue and in anticipation of future storm events,” said SBFCA Executive Director Mike Inamine. “We’ve partnered with the state to repair nearly 37 miles of west Feather River to date, from Thermalito Afterbay south to Star Bend, and those levees are working as designed. This project will address levee reaches that haven’t yet been repaired, but had previously been identified as areas of concern.”

According to Inamine, local levee maintaining agencies are monitoring levees south of Yuba City – primarily areas not yet repaired – around the clock for seepage and other signs of distress. The installation of a seepage berm and filling of ditches is intended to strengthen the levee in areas where seepage has occurred and must be mitigated.

“The goal is to reduce risk and improve flood fighting capabilities along Laurel and Cypress,” said Sutter County Supervisor Larry Munger, SBFCA Board Chair. “We’re working with the state to get in front of this so we can better manage future storm events and dam releases.”

Construction of the Laurel Avenue Levee Repair Project, which will install nearly one-mile of slurry wall in the west Feather River Levee south of Yuba City, is slated to begin in May 2017.

For more information about the West Feather River Levee Project, visit www.sutterbutteflood.org, or call SBFCA’s hotline at (530) 870-4425.

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The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) was created in September 2007 by the Counties of Sutter and Butte, the cities of Biggs, Gridley, Live Oak and Yuba City, and Levee Districts 1 and 9. SBFCA is responsible for planning, financing and implementing flood protection projects for the Sutter-Yuba City Basin. SBFCA is run by a 13-member Board of Directors, each of whom is an elected official representing the SBFCA service area.