



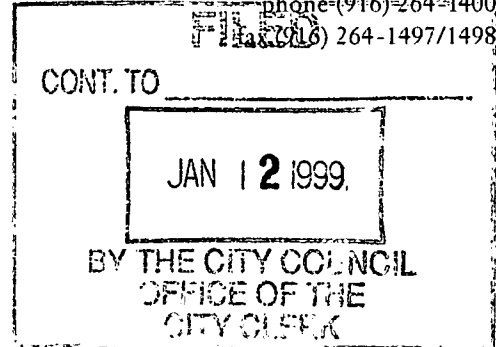
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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON FEDERAL FLOOD CONTROL LEGISLATION

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for informational purposes only.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: January 12, 1999

SUMMARY:

John Freshman Associates, Inc., is the City of Sacramento's legislative consultants in Washington, D.C. Representatives of the firm are here today to brief the City Council on the recent changes in Washington, D.C. and how they may affect future flood control legislation.

With the beginning of the 106th Congress, it is important that the City legislative consultants, John Freshman Associates, Inc., update the City Council on the new Congress, its leadership and committees, and the effect that the new Congress may have on Sacramento's flood control project authorizations and appropriations. The City of Sacramento needs Federal legislation in 1999 in order to continue implementing critical flood control projects which protect the City, our 370,000 residents, and \$30 billion in damageable property. Six staff members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will visit Sacramento from January 11-14, 1999, to get a better understanding of Sacramento's flood control concerns.



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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Congressional Leadership

- There have been a number of major changes in the House of Representative's leadership which are likely to affect priorities and programs in the 106th Congress.
- Some major changes in both the House of Representative and Senate committees could affect flood control authorizations and appropriations.

Authorizing Legislative Action

- The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was unable to produce a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in the 105th Congress.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee supported Senator Boxer's legislation for flood control improvements which modify Folsom Dam outlets and improve downstream levees. This proposal, supported by Congressman Matsui and Fazio, was consistent with the City and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's (SAFCA) resolutions and was also consistent with the Administration's recommendation. The Senate passed this legislation.
- Generally, WRDA legislation is only enacted in even years. Because no WRDA passed in 1998, it is possible that the Congress may attempt to pass one in 1999. If that were to occur, our legislative advocates will be actively engaged in assuring our interests are clearly articulated to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee members. If the WRDA does not take place until the next year, John Freshman Associates, Inc., will continue to maintain and foster Congressional support for Sacramento's projects from members and staff in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Legislative Action to Support Appropriations

- The recently completed 105th Congress passed legislation which resulted in Federal flood control funds for the Sacramento area as follows:
 - FY 1998 - \$32.52 million
 - FY 1999 - \$36.69 million

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- The upcoming 106th Congress will appropriate funds for FY2000 and FY 2001. Funding requests will be considered by the House Appropriations Committee starting in March 1999. SAFCA and the City's request for FY2000 will be for \$51.4 million. (See attached Appropriations Chart)
- In the past Congressman Fazio has been instrumental in obtaining flood control funds for Sacramento. With his retirement from the Congress, it is extremely important for SAFCA and the City to foster close working relationships with the House of Representatives and Senate members and staff, especially those representing California. John Freshman Associate, Inc., and SAFCA's legislative advocates will work with us to gain their support for appropriations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report is presented for informational purposes only and does not have any direct financial impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION:

This report is presented for informational purposes only and is not subject to environmental review, under the California Environmental Quality Act, because no project or activity is being approved.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

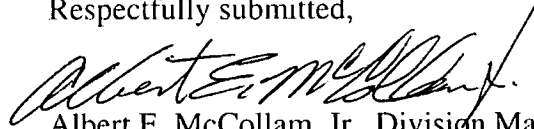
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MBE/WBE

MBE/WBE considerations are not applicable to this item as no services or purchases are being approved.


Respectfully submitted,


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ATTACHMENT 1
FY 2000
Sacramento Area Flood Control
(in millions)

Project	FY 99 Enacted	FY 2000 Request
American River Comprehensive Plan: Funds to continue the planning and design of Sacramento flood protection projects.	0.05	5.0
American River Common Elements: 24 miles of levee improvements along the American River and 12 miles of improvements along the Sacramento River levees, flood gauges upstream of Folsom Dam, and improvements to the flood warning system along the lower American River.	15.0	17.0
South Sacramento Streams¹: Prevention of flooding of portions of Sacramento from the south, where four creeks convey foothill runoff through urbanized areas into Beach Lake and the Delta.	0.9	12.3
Magpie Creek: Authorized under the Corps' Section 205 program, this project will provide a high degree of flood protection on Magpie Creek.	1.65	1.7
Sacramento River Bank Protection: Will correct harmful erosion along the banks of the American River which threatens the integrity of the existing levees.	10.08	7.0
American River Watershed (Natomas)²: Reimbursement to SAFCA for the Federal share of the flood control improvements undertaken by the local project sponsor.	9.0	4.0
American River Watershed (Natomas Recreation, Ueda Parkway): A waterway, bike and pedestrian path that connects all of Sacramento as the recreation component of the recently-completed Natomas Flood Control Project (see above).	0.0	3.9
Lower Strong & Chicken Ranch Sloughs (DO5 Pump Station): a feasibility study to restore 100-year level of flood protection to Chicken Ranch Slough drainage to the American River.	N/A	0.5
Total	36.68	51.4

¹Construction funds assume passage of WRDA in 1999.

²Total includes \$2.0 million of remaining reimbursement for Phase I, plus \$2.0 million for Phase II reimbursement.