



Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

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Counties

Butte County
Sutter County

Cities

City of Biggs
City of Gridley
City of Live Oak
City of Yuba City

Levee Districts

Levee District I
Levee District 9

May 16, 2014

The Honorable Barbara Boxer Senate
Environment & Public
Works Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Shuster
House Transportation &
Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairs Boxer & Shuster,

On behalf of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA), I am writing to thank the conferees for their leadership in completing negotiations on the Water Resources Reform and Development Act conference report. SBFCA is pleased to support this important legislation.

On a national level we applaud the bi-partisan cooperation manifest in this bill. And on a local level we are grateful for the actual, tangible, flood risk reduction that will result from this bill. Inclusion of the Sutter Basin Chief's Report as an authorized project will have an immediate impact on the communities of Biggs, Gridley, Live Oak and Yuba City. In close collaboration with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the State of California, SBFCA is leading an aggressive program to provide protection for over 90,000 residents in our historic communities; to this end, authorization in WRRDA is a major milestone.

As well, inclusion of the Chief's Report is a significant achievement for the Corps Planning Modernization Program. Three years ago, the Sutter Basin was selected as one of just four pilot studies nationwide, and today this completed study serves as powerful testimony that the Corps can reform outmoded processes in a way that fulfills the mission of the Corps while also serving the needs of the non-federal sponsor.

Thank you for making us a priority in your bill. We are currently prosecuting a busy construction schedule this summer and would welcome the opportunity to show you the largest, ongoing, levee slurry wall project in the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Inamine".

Mike Inamine
Executive Director