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NAPA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

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| Summary |

This bill authorizes state funding, from general obligation bonds, subventions or upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be used for the Napa River Flood Control Project in Napa County.

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| Background |

The Napa River flood control project was first federally authorized in 1965. Phases of the project have continued up until very recently with federal, state and local funding. There is no current federal funding appropriated for the continuation of the project, leaving it stalled and contingent on federal action.

The Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project includes improvements to six miles of the Napa River from Highway 29 at the Butler Bridge/Southern Crossing to near Trancas Street, and Napa Creek from its outfall to the Napa River for about one mile upstream. Elements of the Napa Project include bank terracing, bridge replacements, bypass channels, culverts, floodwalls, and levees.

A number of Project components have been completed, such as the 900+ acres of restored wetlands in the South Wetlands Opportunity Area, the replacement of the Third Street, First Street and Maxwell Bridges, the construction of the new Soscol Avenue Bridge, the cleanup of contaminated properties in the Oil Company Road area, the east bank terracing, and the Hatt to First Floodwall and Promenade, including the renovation of Veterans Memorial Park. Remaining components that are yet to begin are listed below.

**Project Schedule**

| Project Component | Start | Complete |
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| Railroad bridges over Napa River and future bypass and associated track realignment | 2009 | 2012 |
| Napa Creek culverts and terraces | 2010 | 2013 |
| Napa River Dry Bypass | 2014 | 2015 |
| Floodwalls/levees north of the Oxbow and bypass pump station | TBD | TBD |
| Floodwalls and trail on west side of Napa River (Imola to Hatt) | TBD | TBD |
| Floodwalls around Oxbow and Floodwalls and trail on east side of Napa River (Tulocay Creek to Third St) | TBD | TBD |

In 2017, legislation was approved for a similarly-situated flood control project (federally authorized without federal funding for later phases). SB 1073 is modeled after that legislation (AB 436, Stone).

With or without federal funding, the project needs to proceed to complete flood control work that is critical for climate change adaptation and resiliency.

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| Existing Law |

Current law, pursuant to the State Water Resources Law of 1945, authorizes State participation in funding local flood control projects that are authorized by the Legislature and that meet other specific requirements. Those requirements include that the project must qualify for federal financial assistance under the requirements applicable to federal water resource development projects and must be authorized by Congress.

Napa’s project meets these criteria as outlined in Water Code Section 12748.

Current law also authorizes the San Lorenzo River flood control project to proceed without federally funding, as it is federally authorized. (Water Code Section 12706.3.).

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| This Bill |

SB 1073 authorizes the state to fund construction of uncompleted phases of the Napa River Flood Protection Project when there are not available federal funds for project completion.

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| Support |

Napa County (Sponsor)

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| Opposition |

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