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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Ridenhour, Don - Director  
Public Works

**REPORT BY:** Julie Lucido, Flood Project Manager - 253-4366

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support of Full Funding of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Capability for Fiscal Year 2011 for the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests adoption of a resolution supporting full federal funding of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' capability for Fiscal Year 2011 for the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project of \$29 million and continued annual funding at Corps' capability level through Project completion.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The attached Resolution in support of funding for the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project (Flood Project), if approved, will be provided to the office of Senator Diane Feinstein along with the funding appropriation requests for the Flood Project for Federal Fiscal Year 2011. The Corps has estimated its funding capability for Fiscal Year 2011 at \$29 million. This funding is needed for the construction of the Oxbox Bypass Project, a crucial element of the Flood Project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The design and construction of the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project is funded annually by Congress based, in part, on information provided by the Army Corps of Engineers on the amount of work it can complete in a given fiscal year, referred to as the "Corps' Capability Level." The President then recommends a funding appropriation level for specific projects in his budget proposal to Congress. During the appropriations process, both houses of Congress make recommendations regarding the funding levels. For Federal Fiscal Year 2011, the Corps has estimated its capability at \$29 million. This funding is for the construction of the Oxbow/Bypass Project which is a crucial element of the Flood Project. The ARRA funding the Corps has allocated for the Napa Flood Project fully funds the Rail Bridge Relocation and Napa Creek portions of the project but it is critical to continue to fund the remaining flood protection elements to keep the project on schedule for completion in 2015. It is important the County and the Flood Control and Water Conservation District continue to aggressively promote the benefits of the Napa Flood Project and its funding needs to compete for Federal dollars in these difficult economic times.

The attached Resolution has been requested by the office of Senator Feinstein and will be forwarded along with the funding appropriation requests for the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project for Federal Fiscal Year 2011.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi