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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Siegel, Howard - Director
Community and Intergovernmental Affairs Division
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SUBJECT: Resolution in support of full funding of the US Army Corps of Engineers capability for Fiscal Year 2009 for the Napa River Flood Protection Project

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests adoption of a resolution in support of full funding of the US Army Corps of Engineers capability for Fiscal Year 2009 for the Napa River Flood Protection Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached resolution will be provided to the offices of Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, and Congressman Mike Thompson along with the funding appropriation requests for the Napa River Flood Protection Project in 2009. For Federal Fiscal Year 2009, the Corps has estimated its funding capability at \$22.8 million. This funding is needed to continue construction that will begin this fiscal year on the Napa Valley Railroad bridge elevation and track relocation work. This work is critical to the Project and must be performed in order to complete the Oxbow Bypass excavation, a crucial element of the 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 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 they 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 2009, the Corps has estimated its capability at \$22.8 million. The majority of this funding is needed to continue construction that will begin this fiscal year on the Napa Valley Railroad bridge elevation and track relocation work. This work is critical to the Project and must be performed in order to complete the Oxbow Bypass excavation, a crucial element of the Project.

The attached resolution has been requested by the offices of Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, and Congressman Mike Thompson and will be forwarded to them along with the funding appropriation requests for the Napa River Flood Protection Project in 2009.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins