



THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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GRIEGO TO LEAD LEVEE BOARD THROUGH FINAL PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS

MARYSVILLE – Yuba County Board of Supervisor Mary Jane Griego has been elected chair of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA). Griego, one of two original appointees to the TRLIA Board when it was created in 2004, takes the helm of the joint powers agency as it embarks upon construction of one of the largest setback levee in the Western United States.

Griego is credited with playing a large role in TRLIA's development and accomplishments. To date, TRLIA has successfully completed \$133 million in flood protection improvements, setting the stage for unparalleled levels of flood protection for residents in southern Yuba County. Construction on the Feather River Setback Levee is slated to begin this spring. Upon completion, the project will provide 200-year flood protection for those living and working in Linda, Olivehurst and Plumas Lake.

“It's quite an honor to be chairwoman during this final stage, which is the most challenging in terms of cost and process,” said Griego. “Our track record is excellent in terms of our success with each phase of this large infrastructure project. We've proven we'll go the extra mile, working in partnership with state agencies to invest in and improve public safety for our community.”

Construction on the Feather River Setback Levee is expected to be funded in large part by a \$138.5 million Early Implementation Project (EIP) funding agreement with the State Department of Water Resources. TRLIA has been working with DWR staff since September 2007 to finalize details of that funding agreement, which includes provisions for a local cost share.

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Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, a joint powers agency, was established in May 2004 by the County of Yuba and Reclamation District 784 to finance and construct levee improvements surrounding the south Yuba County area. Four work phases have been identified with the goal of achieving 200-year flood protection. The first construction work was initiated in September 2004, with the final levee improvement scheduled for completion by the end of 2008.