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County Homeowners Fight For Levees

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Yuba County homeowners like the White family are fighting to protect their home. The family of seven moved to Plumas Lake a month ago knowing flooding is possible, unless levees are built. It is something many residents say was promised to them by county leaders.

"We feel like we've been dumped, abandoned. We feel like we helped out to pay for the levees," said Monique White, a resident.

Yuba County supervisors need to come up with \$23 million to continue building a levee along the Feather River, the fourth and final phase of levee improvements. Builders of the Plumas Lake development capped the amount of they are willing to give to the county because of the housing slump. Tuesday they voted on the money.

"It's probably safety first. It's economic development with all the commercial development that's coming in," said Mary Jane Griego, Yuba Co. Board of Supervisors.

A standing room-only crowd of homeowners argued Yuba County is their home. That \$23 million may not sound like a lot of money when you talk about phase four costing more than \$190 million, but that is required from the county in order for the state to pay money.

Homeowners are hoping between now and the end of 2008 when the levee is finished, winter and mother nature will be kind to them.

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