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MARYSVILLE, Calif. -- Construction kicked off Wednesday on a major flood control project in Yuba County.

Organizers held a ground-breaking ceremony for a six-mile levee expansion along the Feather River.

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In 1986 and 1997, the area where the ceremony occurred was submerged in flood waters. Many people died, thousands of homes were ruined and crop land was impacted.

Flood survivor Walt Whitenton called the project "tremendous," adding that it will make local residents much safer.

The levee will stretch from Olivehurst to Plumas Lake.

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