



THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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STATE TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS ON UPPER YUBA RIVER LEVEE

MARYSVILLE, CA – Approximately \$47.5 million in state Prop 1E Early Implementation Project (EIP) funds has been awarded for critical levee repairs on the Upper Yuba River, the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority announced today. This most recent award brings the state's investment in South Yuba County levees to nearly \$190 million, about half the cost of TRLIA's aggressive 200-year flood protection program. Previously, the state committed \$138.5 million for levee improvements along the Feather River, which will be completed in time for a ribbon cutting celebration on Monday, October 26.

“The Upper Yuba River work is all that stands between us and the strongest flood protection in Northern California,” said TRLIA Board Chair and Yuba County Supervisor Mary Jane Griego. “This is a significant achievement for our community, and we appreciate the state's continuing support for our program.”

Recently identified improvements needed in the Upper Yuba River levee include seepage remediation, corrections to slope geometry, and erosion protection. Environmental review for the project area is underway, with construction expected to begin this year.

As part of its funding agreement with the state, TRLIA must provide a 30 percent cost share for the \$68 million project, or just more than \$20 million. The local share will be covered through reimbursement and credit from the state for prior construction work, and funding from prior development agreements.

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The 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 in South Yuba County. Four work phases were identified with the goal of achieving 200-year flood protection for more than 40,000 residents and nearly \$1 billion in property and structures.

Regionally, the levee improvement program is expected to lower water elevations by more than a foot during significant flood events, easing pressure on both the Yuba and Feather River Levees and providing increased flood protection to South Yuba County, as well as the cities of Marysville and Yuba. www.trlia.org