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CONSTRUCTION STARTING ON UPPER YUBA RIVER LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS

MARYSVILLE, CA – Construction crews will begin mobilizing this week in preparation for the start of work on the Upper Yuba Levee Improvement Project, what is anticipated to be the last project in Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority’s program to improve 29 miles of levees that provide flood protection for 40,000 residents in South Yuba County. Construction is expected to begin June 1, with completion slated for October of this year.

Magnus Pacific Corporation – the low bidder – was recently awarded a \$7.5 million contract to construct the improvements, which include the installation of a slurry wall and seepage berms, corrections to slope geometry, and erosion protection on six miles of Yuba River levee from Simpson Lane to the Gold Fields. Property owners in the project area will receive construction notices this week that detail construction hours and potential impacts, such as traffic controls for construction vehicles.

“We’re anxious to get the project completed prior to the start of another rainy season,” said Paul Brunner, the Authority’s Executive Director. “Our construction crews will be working all but Sundays to complete the work.”

To date, the State has invested approximately \$265 million in TRLIA’s levee improvement program through Proposition 13 and 1E funds. The balance of the \$405 million for TRLIA’s overall levee improvement program has been provided by Yuba County, the Yuba County Water Agency, Reclamation District 784, and local development interests. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has accredited the 29-mile levee system as providing a 100-year level of protection.

Those with questions about the construction project may contact TRLIA’s hotline at 530-763-7912, or visit www.trlia.org for more information (Yuba River Levee Improvements link).

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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.

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. The region suffered devastating flooding from the floods of 1955, 1986 and 1997, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and resulting in dozens of deaths. www.trlia.org