



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Presentation on Flood Mitigation Activities by the California
Department of Water Resources and FloodSAFE Yolo

Report in Brief

Representatives of the California Department of Water Resources and the FloodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program have requested time on the November 17 City Council agenda to update the City Council on flood mitigation activities. Staff has worked with Fran Borcalli, Program Manager for FloodSAFE Yolo, to schedule the presentation for the November 17 City Council meeting.

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the presentation from the California Department of Water Resources and FloodSAFE Yolo.

Background

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the lead agency in implementing and managing the FloodSAFE California initiative. In the latter part of 2007, the California Legislature passed six (6) interrelated bills aimed at addressing the problems of flood protection, liability, and additional consideration of flood risk within local land use planning throughout California. These bills added or amended sections in the California Government Code, Health and Safety Code, Public Resources Code, and Water Code. DWR and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board are providing the leadership and are collaborating with local, regional, State, tribal, and federal officials to improve flood management and emergency response systems consistent with the legislative direction. DWR is also investing funds provided by Propositions 1E and 84 to reduce potential flood damages in the highest risk areas with the next 10 years.

A representative from DWR's Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program will brief the City Council on the FloodSAFE California initiative, the development of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and the new legislative requirements for local compliance regarding general plan updates and new development.

In June 2007, the City of Woodland, County of Yolo, and the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address flood management issues in the western part of Yolo County. The work being performed under this MOU is managed through the FloodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program. Fran Borcalli, Program Manager for the Program will provide a brief update on the activities of the Program and the work in progress. The update will also include a status report on continuing the feasibility study for a Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the presentation from the California Department of Water Resources and FloodSAFE Yolo.

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Attachment