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Senator Bob Wieckowski, Chair

Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation

State Capitol, Room 5019

Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblymember Richard Bloom, Chair

Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation

State Capitol, Room 2003

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Wieckowski and Chairman Bloom:

Yolo County supports the inclusion of \$100 million in California's budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019, and thereafter, to address the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) flood risk reduction responsibilities and the implementation of recommendations from the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. This funding will provide significant public safety benefits for many of California's cities, towns, and rural communities protected by State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities. An annual appropriation of \$100 million will support reduction of the backlog of deferred maintenance, accelerate repairs to the SPFC, and pay the state's share of levee improvements to SPFC levees being implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). These collective investments will reduce flood risk and improve the Central Valley's ability to adapt to climate change.

In light of 2017 storm events, we also respectfully encourage your Subcommittees to consider a one-time appropriation of \$400 million to repair the worst storm damage incurred from these flood events.

The extensive damage to the Oroville Dam spillway and the State Plan of Flood Control facilities levee system from the series of 2017 storms, highlights California's increasing flood risk and system-wide vulnerabilities. Moreover, scientists predict the frequency and severity of storms will increase as the result of a changing climate, placing additional stress on the state's existing flood protection infrastructure.

It is time for California to address its long-term flood risk. These two funding commitments, a one-time \$400 million investment and an annual \$100 million fund for DWR, will immediately secure greater local and federal funding in responsible flood risk reduction projects throughout the state. These appropriations will enable DWR to implement the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, thereby reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance of the levee and bypass system, and support investments made to-date through Proposition 1E and Proposition 84 bond funds.

Local flood control agencies, and others throughout California, are ready to cost-effectively perform this work on behalf of the State of California, and are committed to providing local funds to supplement the state's flood risk reduction investments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org with any questions about the County's position.

Sincerely,



Oscar Villegas
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Bill Dodd
 The Honorable Richard Pan
 The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
 The Honorable Kevin McCarty