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OCT. 15 Press Event On Funding For West Sacramento Flood Protection Project

WHAT:

Press Briefing on funding for \$21.5 million project to improve flood protection for City of West Sacramento.

WHERE:

Yolo Bypass east levee immediately south of Interstate 80 in West Sacramento.

WHEN:

Tuesday, October 15, 3:30 pm

WHO:

Local, State and Federal officials concerned with flood protection. List of invited dignitaries includes: US Representative Vic Fazio (D-West Sacramento), West Sacramento Mayor Greg Potnick, Ray Barsch, general manager, State Reclamation Board, Lt. Col. Daniel Perron, US Army Corps of Engineers

WHY:

Newly enacted Federal budget contains funds to complete raising 4.9 miles of levees by up to five feet along the Sacramento Bypass south levee and the Yolo Bypass east levee. This project provides added flood protection for 30,000 people and \$1.4 billion worth of property in West Sacramento. High flows of the February 1986 flood showed the need for this levee improvement.

DIRECTIONS:

If traveling from Sacramento, take Interstate 80 west to West Capitol Avenue exit, turn left. Turn left at Enterprise Boulevard. Turn right at Lake Road. If traveling from the Davis area, take Interstate 80 east to the Enterprise Boulevard exit, turn right. Turn right at Lake Road. Ceremony will be held on levee at end of Lake Road.

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