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Peter Rabbon, Reclamation Board General Manager,
Elected to Lead National Flood Management Group

Peter D. Rabbon, General Manager of California's Reclamation Board, is the new President of the [National Association of Flood and Storm water Management Agencies](#) (NAFSMA). He was elected in September at the association's annual meeting, which this year was held in Monterey.

A national non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C, NAFSMA represents local and state flood and storm water management agencies on federal water resource issues. Established in 1978, NAFSMA works closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security, and represents association members on policy matters with Congress and other national water organizations.

"Pete" Rabbon is a civil engineer registered in California, Nevada and Oregon. A veteran water resources engineer, Rabbon earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees at the University of California at Davis. He has worked in the private sector, in county government and for almost 25 years for the State of California, with about a decade of service in the Department of Water Resources' Division of Flood Management. He has been [The Reclamation Board](#)'s General Manager since September, 1997.

The Reclamation Board is a seven - member board with State responsibility for flood control activities in the Central Valley. The Governor appoints the board members.

The Central Valley is about 450 miles long and 50 miles wide. Drained via the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers -- two of California's longest -- and their tributaries, the Central Valley's drainage area encompasses some 45,000 square miles.

"NAFSMA is an influential group in advocating effective flood control and storm water policy nationally," commented Rabbon. "My election is an honor but more importantly an opportunity for California, with our extensive flood expertise, to make a leadership

contribution on national flood and storm water issues.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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