



## News Release

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### **Governor Schwarzenegger Speaks at the Groundbreaking for the Star Bend Setback Levee, a Key Flood Protection Project in Sutter County**

Sutter County -- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today participated in a groundbreaking for the Star Bend Setback Levee in Sutter County, an important project for improving local and regional flood protection that he expedited last year. Funding for the project was fast-tracked in February 2008 when Gov. Schwarzenegger released \$211 million in Prop 1E funding for four early implementation projects. The Lower Feather River Setback Levee project received \$16.3 million of that funding, which Levee District One in Sutter County used to help speed up their construction timeline.

"This is a great day because we are breaking ground on a public private partnership that will improve flood safety - and it is expected to be done ahead of schedule," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Improving our critical levee system has been a priority of mine, and to date we have fixed more than 100 sites. Levee projects like this one are keeping people safe, putting people to work and helping us build a foundation for a prosperous future."

According to water officials, a levee break at the Lower Feather River Setback Levee could flood southern Sutter County and the southern portion of Yuba City. This project is a step toward restoring 100-year-level flood protection to the Yuba City basin. [More... \(Governor's website\)](#)

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