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Sacramento, CA-Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna (D-District 1), serving as Chair of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), praised the continued efforts of Congresswoman Matsui and thanked Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall for the passage of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA) from the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The bipartisan bill would authorize the Natomas Levee Improvement Project.

Serna noted in a prepared statement, "In representing constituents in the Natomas Basin, both as the Sacramento County Supervisor as well as the sitting chair of the flood control agency acting as the local project sponsor, it is imperative that Congress continue to act responsibly and quickly in moving the WRRDA forward." The bill will now be reported to the full House for consideration in the coming weeks as was indicated in an earlier statement by Rep. Matsui (CA-06 Sacramento).

Serna went on to say that as a resident of Sacramento and the Natomas Basin, he personally joined with the locals who have said yes to assessing themselves twice in order to raise the local match for this project. He also recognized State of California Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) Director Mark Cowin and Deputy Director Gary Bardini for their role in committing several hundred million dollars through an Early Implementation Program established by DWR. That program, when coupled with the local match, allowed local flood control officials to design and construct 18.3 miles of improved levee along the Sacramento River. 24 miles of levee improvements to correct deep under seepage problems remain and when completed, will provide protection to over 100,000 residents of the Natomas Basin.

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