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TO: Board of Trustees
American River Flood Control District

FROM: Tim Kerr, General Manager

SUBJECT: District Outlook for 2019

This purpose of this memo is to provide a description of topics and activities that are a high priority for the General Manager for 2019. These topics are as follows:

1. District Levee Pipe Penetration and Inspection Database
2. City of Sacramento Two Rivers Trail
3. SAFCA CCAD2 Funding
4. Homeless Camp Coordination Best Management Practices
5. District Staffing and Development

District Levee Pipe Penetration and Inspection Database – Levee pipe penetrations crossing District levees need to be periodically inspected to determine if they are still structurally sound. Deteriorating pipe conditions may even require rehabilitation or replacement of the pipe. Past inspection efforts by the State and Federal government have broadly documented that pipes exist in District levees but the data was loosely compiled and unverified. State grant money is now available to inspect some levee pipe penetrations and to also research if some 'not found' pipes truly exist. The District has agreements with the State, the City of Sacramento, and Mead and Hunt Engineers to pursue the documentation and inspection of numerous levee pipe penetrations in the

District. This effort should be continued and possibly expanded to include every pipe in District levees so that an accurate, concise, and comprehensive database exists to document the status of these encroachments.

City of Sacramento Two Rivers Trail - The City of Sacramento has a strong commitment to complete a bike trail on the south side of the American River connecting Sacramento State University to Downtown. There is currently State grant funding available for the City to pursue a reach of the trail through River Park. The District and GM are committed to promoting an off-crown alternative for this project so that essential District O&M thoroughfare is not obstructed by a pedestrian right-of-way and pedestrians are not unduly placed at risk from dangerous levee O&M equipment. The District has encouraged the City to develop a feasible alternative that keeps the trail alignment off the crown. The District should stay committed to this position and assist the City in pursuing this alternative.

SAFCA CCAD2 Funding – The District has an agreement with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency to receive funding for operations and maintenance activities from the Capital Consolidated Assessment District. When setting up CCAD, SAFCA envisioned that increased funding would be needed for O&M because the updated and expanded flood control system would require that more stringent O&M standards would need to be followed.

Historically the District received \$600,000 to \$650,000 per year from SAFCA with the understanding that the District was performing enhanced maintenance. In 2016, SAFCA passed a new assessment, CCAD2, that superseded CCAD. The new CCAD2 had more funding available for District O&M but additional reporting was required to obtain the funding. CCAD is no longer in existence but SAFCA has not yet nullified the existing CCAD agreement with the District. Under the terms of the agreement, the District is able to invoice SAFCA for the funding without requiring specific documentation of the work being conducted.

There have been numerous meetings over the last 2-years to determine what new reporting SAFCA requires to obtain the CCAD2 money but nothing substantial has been determined. District staff understands that SAFCA needs appropriate proof that CCAD2 operations and maintenance work is actually being conducted

prior to releasing the funds. District staff is hopeful that implementing a new staff labor timekeeping system will yield work performance reports to satisfy SAFCA's need for work verification. This system will document the hours of staff work performed doing specific O&M activities in each reach of the District. The resulting data could help provide documentation to SAFCA that their CCAD2 O&M funding is being spend appropriately. This continuing topic is of high importance to the GM due to the uncertainty and risk involved in receiving approximately 1/3 of our annual revenue.

Homeless Camp Coordination Best Management Practices – Since approximately 2015, District operations have been increasingly affected by the presence of unauthorized camps along the levee system. The campers are ostensibly homeless individuals and the placement of their camps obstructs the ability to perform essential operations and maintenance of the levees. Camps typically include enormous amounts of refuse, debris, belongings and human waste. These materials need to be collected and removed prior to commencing levee work. Loose uncontrolled dogs and unpredictable human behavior are also commonplace.

In the past, the District would address a specific camp obstruction by contacting the local police or County Rangers with a request to relocate the camp to allow us to perform our routine work. Now the camps are so widespread and commonplace, more high-level coordination and scheduling is required. The District is currently working with RD 1000, the City of Sacramento (Parks), Sacramento County Regional Parks, SAFCA, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to begin identification of the various roles, responsibilities, and areas of geographical authority that each agency has in this region. The development of Best Management Practices for coordination, camp removal, and clean-up is being promoted amongst the stakeholders.

District Staffing and Development – The District currently has a vacancy in the role of Field Supervisor. This position serves as the assistant to the Superintendent and is the interface to the crew members. It is extremely important that GM staff time and resources be dedicated to filling this vacancy. The Superintendent is currently performing the duties outlined for this position and needs to focus more on his existing responsibilities. Once the position is filled,

the new Field Supervisor will need to commence additional training and acclimation to a leadership role at the District.

Although we recently hired a new employee at the Levee Maintenance Worker, Range A position, it is foreseeable that we could still use another additional employee to better allow us to keep up with the existing workload. A better handle on the workload would enable us to begin scheduling more training and development for the existing employees.