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Appropriation Subcommittee on Energy and Water improves upon record budget funding

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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that the House of Representatives is on track to fund Sacramento's flood control efforts at record levels for the 2007 fiscal year. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water is designating nearly \$72 million for Sacramento flood protection. This includes project funding for the American River Projects, the South Sacramento County Streams and the Sacramento River Bank Protection. "What this record funding means is that the House is on-track to provide Sacramento all the dollars it needs this year for our flood protection efforts," Congresswoman Matsui enthusiastically stated. "This funding will ensure that Sacramento continues to make significant progress towards more than doubling our current level of flood protection through improvements to Folsom Dam and our levees. I am very pleased that the Committee recognized and acted on Sacramento's urgent need for flood protection. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to the Committee for placing a high priority on increasing the flood protection for the most at-risk river city in the nation and I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues as this bill moves through Congress." The appropriators increased the FY '07 funding over 80% above FY '06 levels. Each of the key projects will see an increase in funding with the aim of helping the community attain 100-year level certification and ultimately exceed 200-year protection bringing Sacramento closer to the protection levels of other large river cities. Sacramento Flood Control Projects- \$9.7 million for South Sacramento County Streams- \$15 million for Sacramento River Bank Protection- \$46.8 million for American River Watershed, which includes o Folsom Common Features o Folsom Dam Modificationso Folsom Dam Raise and Bridge

Because of this strong funding increase, Sacramento's flood control projects continue to appear well-positioned as Congress begins the FY'07 Appropriations process. The Energy and Water Appropriations bill will next go to the full Appropriations Committee, following which it will be sent to the floor for a vote by the full House of Representatives. It will also need to be voted on by the Senate, approved by both chambers and signed by the president.

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