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Washington, DC — Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) spent a busy week in Sacramento during the 4th of July work period focusing primarily on Sacramento's flood control. In meetings throughout the week, Matsui met with the Sacramento partners responsible for implementing flood protection measures in the region as well as other individuals representing groups concerned about the issue, including a meeting with the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She discussed how best to implement the Folsom Modifications project, taking into account the U.S. Corps of Engineers' recent announcement of a potential cost increase. Steady progress will continue the effort to attain 200-year level flood control in the shortest amount of time. During each meeting and in a follow-up letter to the Corps, she emphasized the need to move forward and continue the incremental progress on Sacramento's flood control.

"Flood control is an issue of critical importance for Sacramento and I am committed to seeing all of our city protected — from our families and their children to our economy, infrastructure, businesses, schools and hospitals," Matsui resolutely stated. "Because of these stakes, it is essential that each of our partners is working cooperatively towards our shared end-goals. And in my meetings, I pressed to ensure each is committed to moving forward."

At the start of the week, Matsui met with individuals from the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including Colonel Ronald N. Light, the District Engineer. In the meeting and a follow-up letter, she reiterated their collective goals and the need for the Corps to offer short and long term strategies on how the Folsom Dam Modifications portion of the American River Plan moves ahead. Further she highlighted Sacramento's already too-long of a wait for flood protection and that the Corps must proceed expeditiously.

While in Sacramento, Matsui also met with the other partners responsible for ensuring the American River Plan projects are implemented. These meetings included the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the California Reclamation Board and their professional staff, the California Department of Water and Resources, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), the five Sacramento Supervisors who are on the SAFCA Board, as well as Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo.

Additionally, Matsui met with community stakeholders to express her intent to keep the Folsom Dam projects moving forward and what that means for them as well.

“After sitting down with everyone involved, I am optimistic that Sacramento is on-track to attain the 200-year level flood protection it needs and deserves. I look forward to working with each of the partners as the American River Plan continues its incremental progress towards completion.”

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