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announced the addition of two projects benefiting Sacramento's flood control efforts in the Water Resources Development Act of 2005 (WRDA) as reported out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"The inclusion of Sacramento's projects is good news for our efforts to attain 200-year level flood protection," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am pleased that the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee saw the positive effects these improvements will mean for our flood control efforts." As reported out of the committee, WRDA will address funding modifications for two projects, the Natomas Levee Improvements and Magpie Creek. Matsui sought to have the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) reimbursed for covering the federal cost of the Natomas Levee Improvement, through credits to other projects. Additionally, she sought to have SAFCA reimbursed for the initiative they took in creating a revised project plan for Magpie Creek that is less expensive as well as more environmentally friendly and provide for authorization of the new plan. The Committee's inclusion of the modifications to these two projects will result in nearly \$5 million cost savings and move forward an estimated \$35 million in federal flood control funding. The Water Resources Development Act of 2005 will next go 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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