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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 2006 fiscal year. The House Committee on Appropriations is designating over \$38 million for Sacramento flood control projects including the American River Projects, the South Sacramento County Streams and the Sacramento River Bank Protection. The funding on the projects is geared to reducing the areas that have not yet achieved the 100- year flood protection level, and ultimately exceed 200-year protection.

“As the most at risk river city in the country, this funding will go a long way to safe-guard Sacramentans from the threat of floods,” stated Matsui. “I am pleased that the House Appropriations Committee recognized the unique needs of our city. With this money we can continue the progress on the Folsom Dam modifications and mini-raise as well as strengthen and protect our levees.”

The appropriators increased the FY '06 funding over 60% above FY '05 levels. Each of the key projects will see an increase in funding with the aim of helping the community attain 100-year level certification bringing Sacramento closer to the protection levels of other large river cities.

The American River projects include the Folsom Dam modifications, which will provide greater efficiency in managing flood storage in the Folsom Reservoir, and the Folsom Dam mini-raise, which will increase the dam's height and bring it into compliance with federal dam safety standards. The final piece of funding for the American River project supports levee improvements helping Sacramento achieve the goal of levee certification, which would reduce the cost of flood insurance for residents.

Additionally, money appropriated will fund much-needed repairs on critical Sacramento River levees, bringing this region closer to the 100-year level of protection certification. And finally, the bill includes money to address flood prevention for portions of south Sacramento where floodwaters from four creeks threaten over 100,000 residents.

Continued Matsui, "I am satisfied that public safety will not be compromised. These funding levels will continue to move forward Sacramento's life-saving flood control projects."

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill 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.

FY06 Flood Control Appropriations Request

PROJECT

FY05 Actual Funding
 FY06 Budget
 FY06 Energy & Water Sub-Cmte

Sacramento River Bank Protection
 1.75
 0.0
 6.3

South Sacramento County Streams
 2.25
 2.852
 2.852

American River Projects—Total
 19.675
 28.96
 28.96

· American River Watershed (Common Features)
 5.0
 1.11
 1.11

· American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Modifications)
 6.675
 15.85

15.85

· American River Watershed (Folsom Dam Mini-Raise)

8.0

12.0

12.0

Strong & Chicken Ranch Sloughs (DO5 Pump Station)

.025

0.0

0.0

TOTAL

\$23.70

\$31.812

\$38.112

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