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Dear Friend:

As a business property owner, you will soon receive a mail ballot relating to a proposed Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) consolidated assessment. We write to urge you to support this measure.

Flood safety is a critical issue for the region, and our community leaders have worked hard over the years to keep our businesses and families safe by investing in strengthened levees and improved dams. After the ravages of hurricane Katrina, the standards changed. What was once deemed safe by the federal government – a 100-year flood standard – has been revised to be a more rigorous 200-year standard.

The practical effect of this change is that if we do not continue to update our flood protection, we risk being designated back into a flood plain, which would increase our insurance costs notably. We would also face federal restrictions on our ability to foster economic growth. Most important, if we do not approve this measure, we jeopardize millions in federal and state funds. That would be an incredible loss. Historically, for every one dollar we have contributed locally to flood control projects, we have received eight. This match has allowed SAFCA to repair most of the 110 miles of levee they monitor.

Beyond these certain losses from failure to act, imagine what would happen with a levee breach. More than 2.4 million people in the metropolitan area would be harmed, and our regional economy could be crippled. Despite an aggressive effort to improve our levees, the City of Sacramento still remains the most-flood prone city west of the Mississippi.

The great news is that your support is essentially a vote to continue your current assessment. **For most business properties, you will see no or only a marginal increase in your existing rate.** Your ballot will describe your current and proposed assessment for your comparison.

To preserve our community safety and future opportunities for prosperity, we ask that you support this measure and return your ballot as soon as possible.

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Barry Broome
President and CEO
Greater Sacramento Area
Economic Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Strech".

Michael Strech
President and CEO
North State Building
Industry Association

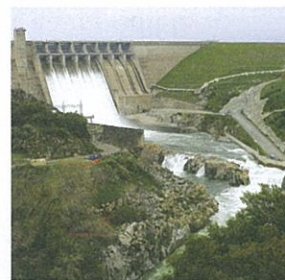
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Tateishi".

Peter Tateishi
President and CEO
Sacramento Metropolitan
Chamber of Commerce

A Legacy of Flood Security Achievements

Established in 1989, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) has strengthened our levee system through extensive updates. SAFCA has secured nearly \$2 billion in matching construction funds over the last three decades, improving flood control, increasing safety for residents, and preventing catastrophic failure of our levee system. Among the key projects that SAFCA has managed successfully are:

- Folsom Dam 2,100-foot auxiliary spillway with six gated outlets, a new approach channel, and stilling basin has been dug and is nearing completion
- Nearly 25 miles of lower American River levee improvements, including 80 foot deep seepage cutoff walls, levees raised to adequate heights, and critical erosion prevention projects
- More than six miles of levee improvements along the lower Sacramento River in the Pocket-Meadow view areas to address long-term erosion
- Almost 40 miles of levee improvements around the Natomas basin and in North Sacramento to address levee height deficiencies, erosion and underseepage
- Over nine miles of levee, channel and floodwall improvements along Florin, Morrison, Elder and Unionhouse creeks in the South Sacramento area, protecting vulnerable neighborhoods
- Creating the Lower American River Task Force and facilitating erosion control improvements addressing levee stability while incorporating habitat features, mitigating project impacts, and preserving the wild and scenic character of the American River Parkway
- Designing levee improvements in Natomas to include conservation measures that expand and improve core wildlife habitats such as native grasslands, woodlands, canals and wetlands while contributing to the recovery of several endangered species
- Securing authorization of Folsom Dam modifications to allow slower, more consistent water flow in the American River, putting less pressure on levees during flood events



Flood Safety Projects Funded by New Assessment

Most of the assessment will go to levee improvements along the Sacramento and American Rivers, to better protect the densest residential and commercial communities. The goal is to achieve 200-year flood level protection based on the new urban levee design standards in all impacted areas between 2017 and 2025. Without these improvement major portions of the Sacramento community will be forced to purchase expensive flood insurance and have to live under the constant threat of inundation.

Folsom Dam Improvements – complete the auxiliary spillway by 2017 and then raise the dam by 2025.

Natomas Basin Levee Improvements – complete up to an additional 24 miles of improvements to levees surrounding the Natomas basin, addressing deep underseepage and levee stability by 2025.

Sacramento River Levee Improvements – complete seven miles of cutoff walls and relief wells to address deep underseepage along the east levee in the Little Pocket and Pocket areas by 2021 and construct up to nine miles of erosion control improvements near downtown.

American River Levee Improvements – complete underseepage cutoff walls and minor levee raises by 2017, address potential erosion during high-flow events in the American River channel.

North Sacramento Streams Improvements – install cutoff walls, seepage berms and relief wells along four miles of Arcade Creek and the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal (NEMDC); implement a corridor management plan along portions of the NEMDC/Steelhead Creek and its tributaries.

Flood Protection System Maintenance – manage levee encroachment and vegetation issues; repair infrastructure damages; and improve levee monitoring and flood fight operations during a flood event.

To find out more about SAFCA projects go to: www.safca.org



HOW TO VOTE YES FOR SACRAMENTO FLOOD SAFETY



- ✓ Ballot packets are mailed to 160,000 Sacramento property owners on April 29.
- ✓ Look for the ballot envelope or packet if you own multiple properties from the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.
- ✓ Open it promptly and vote YES for the Consolidated Capital Assessment District 2.
- ✓ Mail your ballot in the pre-paid return envelope.
- ✓ Ballots must arrive at SAFCA no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13.

CITIZENS FOR FLOOD SAFETY is a coalition of Sacramento area homeowners, civic organizations and businesses working together to ensure our community thrives by supporting the highest level flood safety projects.

2016 CFS Chairmen: Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Supervisor
Jeff Harris, Sacramento City Councilmember

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