

THREE RIVERS REPORT

YOUR INFORMATION SOURCE ON THE THREE RIVERS LEVEE
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (TRLIA) FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT



Construction of Bear River Levee



Aerial view of the Bear River Setback Levee

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLOOD PROTECTION

Last fall, California voters approved two propositions, 1E and 84, which could provide more than \$4 billion throughout the state for flood control work. TRLIA has requested \$169 million to help pay for levee improvements and increased flood protection. The Authority is currently waiting for an announcement regarding funding for south Yuba County. If funded, the money will be used to improve 13 miles of levees along the Feather River from the Yuba River to the Bear River. Like the completed Bear River levee, the Feather River project will also include a setback levee. The setback will be six miles in length and could provide over 1,500 acres of habitat for restoration and mitigation.

FEATHER RIVER SETBACK LEVEE — PROVIDING HISTORIC LEVELS OF FLOOD PROTECTION

- Provides flood protection for Sutter County, Yuba City, Marysville and Linda by lowering the water levels in the Feather and Yuba Rivers
- Built to meet or exceed current flood control standards
- Widens the Feather River to allow for better water flow

- Built away from older river channels, decreasing the opportunity for water to seep under the levee and onto surrounding properties
- Constructed with good soil — the current Feather River levee soil is too sandy to fully support a levee
- Eliminates areas along the current levee where the levees have eroded
- Creates up to 1,550 acres for nature habitats

The total improvement cost of the project is approximately \$201 million. This levee will protect 30,000 residents from Linda to Plumas Lake and will provide regional flood protection and environmental benefits. The project's estimated completion is the end of 2008 for the 13 miles of the Feather River levee work. Once the setback levee is built, TRLIA will remove portions of the old Feather River levee that will be replaced by the setback levee.

When this fourth and final phase of work is completed, the area's levee system will be among the best in Northern California.

PARTNERSHIP RAISES LOCAL FUNDS FOR LEVEE WORK

To date, more than \$78 million in local levee improvement work has been paid for through a partnership between TRLIA and local developers ("Landowners"). This partnership, which is thought to be the first of its kind in California, has provided the local funds needed to attract state dollars to the project.

By state law, local communities must help pay for levee improvement projects to be eligible for state and federal assistance. Support from the Landowners has raised local funds, improved area levees and public safety and increased TRLIA's chances of receiving financial help from the state.



WHO WE ARE

The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) is overseen by a five member board of directors. The directors include: Richard Webb (Chairman), Reclamation District 784; Dan Logue (Vice Chairman), Yuba County Supervisor; Mary Jane Griego, Yuba County Supervisor; Rick Brown, Reclamation District 784; and

Jerry Crippen, member at large. Paul Brunner serves as TRLIA's executive director and Leslie Wells is TRLIA's administrative assistant.

To learn more about TRLIA, visit our Web site at www.trlia.org or call us at 530-749-7841. The home page also includes email links so you can contact TRLIA with any questions or concerns.



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TRLIA CELEBRATES LEVEE CERTIFICATION

After months of work, south Yuba County's levees have received a federal "stamp of approval." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently certified 11 miles of levees stretching along the Yuba and Bear Rivers and the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal.

The certification confirms that the levee system meets or exceeds the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements for at least 100-year flood protection. The 100-year protection level ensures that the levees can withstand a flood that has a one in 100 chance of occurring in any given year. This reduces the chances of flood damage to surrounding areas in the event of a large storm. TRLIA levees have been designed to a 200-year level of flood protection; this means there is a one in 200 risk of flood in any given year. TRLIA levees offer double the protection of FEMA's certification requirements.

"This is very exciting. Certification confirms that we're doing the right thing to protect lives and livelihoods," said Paul Brunner, TRLIA executive director.



Conceptual illustration of the Bear River Levee Setback Area

INCREASED PROTECTION FOR SOUTH YUBA COUNTY RESIDENTS

Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) completed the construction of a new Bear River levee, the third of a four-phase project that will deliver flood protection for south Yuba County. The Bear River levee is unique because a new, two-mile long levee was built behind the original levee. The new levee, called a setback levee, provides more than 600 acres of land that can be used to provide additional river space during the rainy season.