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## Setback Levee for Huff's Corner Complete

(Woodland, CA) – In June of 2006, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved the construction of a temporary setback levee on Cache Creek at Huff's Corner – located where County Road 18 meets Cache Creek – as a result of extensive damage to the existing levee during the 2005/06 New Year's weekend storm. This week the Board of Supervisors received a report on the completion of this temporary measure to provide protection to the residents of Woodland if the damaged levee were to fail.

Cache Creek flows under Interstate 5 just northeast of the city of Woodland. The levee on the south side of the creek, beginning at Interstate 5 and proceeding upstream for about one quarter mile is the responsibility of Yolo County. During the storm of New Year's weekend 2005/06, severe erosion occurred at two locations within this quarter mile segment. At Huff's Corner, approximately 25% of the levee width was eroded away due to high creek waters, thus reducing the width of the levee from 32 feet to 24 feet. In the event of future high creek flows, it is anticipated the loss of this levee could significantly impact residences, businesses, and industrial facilities by cutting off access to Interstate 5 and causing flooding within the city of Woodland.

As the existing levee could not be repaired prior to the rainy season due to permitting issues, the Board of Supervisors approved the construction of a temporary setback levee to provide protection if the damaged levee were to fail. Construction of the temporary setback levee that encircles the damaged area of the levee providing secondary protection was completed on December 6, 2006.

"Ideally, the damaged levee will make it through the winter, but if it were to fail the temporary setback levee provides the same level of flood protection as the damaged levee," said Rick Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works for Yolo County.

A permanent fix to the levee at Huff's Corner is expected to be completed next summer.

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