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\$1.5 Million Grant Received for Flood Risk Reduction Studies

(Woodland, CA) – As part of the Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program, the California Department of Water Resources has awarded Yolo County \$1.5 million for flood risk reduction studies for the communities of Clarksburg, Knights Landing, and Yolo. These funds will be used to identify locally supported projects to improve flood facilities and reduce flood risk.

“This award is a step forward in reducing flood risks in our legacy agricultural communities along the Sacramento River,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair Oscar Villegas. “Adequate flood protection is crucial to the long-term sustainability of these communities and are our agricultural economy. We look forward to working with our reclamation districts, community partners and residents to identify locally supported strategies to improve our flood resilience.”

The Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program is a cost-share funding program that provides assistance to communities with 200 to 10,000 residents that are protected by the State Plan of Flood Control. The program was created as a result of the 2012 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and is intended to reduce flood risk for small communities.

Communities selected to receive funding through the Small Communities Program’s first phase will be awarded funds to complete a feasibility study of flood risk reduction projects. Funding for design and construction will be awarded in subsequent phases. These projects must repair, rehabilitate, reconstruct or replace State Plan of Flood Control facilities (e.g., levees, weirs, bypasses) and be consistent with the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan goals and objectives.

Projects identified in the studies supported by the Small Communities Program are cost-shared between local communities and the state. The minimum state cost-share is 50 percent, but could be increased based on a project’s contribution to multi-benefit objectives, increased protection for state facilities and increased flood protection for communities categorized as disadvantaged, such as Knights Landing.

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