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2018 Federal, State & Local Legislative & Appropriations Priorities *Adopted December 12, 2017*

Federal Appropriations Priorities

1. *\$2,200,000 for County Road 40 low-water bridge construction in the federal Bureau of Land Management budget.* Yolo County secured \$800,000 in the 2017-18 California state budget for design and engineering of the replacement of the low-water bridge on County Road 40 in Yolo County, a critical fire access route into Lake and Napa counties. County seeks \$2,200,000 in funding in the FY 18 Bureau of Land Management Budget to construct this project. The County will also continue to seek state construction funds in parallel.

State Budget Priorities

1. *Identify funding, build a supporting coalition, and implement a plan to develop a bike path from the City of Davis to the Yolo Bypass Causeway and support the Yolo County Transportation District/CalTrans Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant application.* A dedicated bike path between the City of Davis and Yolo Bypass Causeway would improve bike connectivity between Davis, West Sacramento, and Sacramento, and resolve bike safety concerns along CR32A. With new funding opportunities and the potential of a strong regional coalition, including Caltrans, there is unique prospect to secure funding and implement the project. Additionally, the County will support the Yolo County Transportation District/CalTrans Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant application to expand HOV lanes and other transportation improvements on I-80 and across the Yolo Bypass Causeway.

Legislative Priorities

1. *Receive state approval to transfer maintenance of County Service Area (CSA) 6 levees to the California Department of Water Resources.* CSA 6 maintains approximately six miles of Sacramento River Flood Control Project levees in the town of Knights Landing in Yolo County. These levees are part of an inter-dependent system of levees in the region that protect a significant amount of people and property. The CSA 6 levee system has been deemed “unacceptable” or “deficient” due to deferred maintenance, needed repairs, and the age of the levee system. Failure of this levee will inundate the small, rural town of Knights Landing. The levee is also integral to regional flood protection efforts. The transfer of maintenance responsibility to the state is needed to achieve compliance and optimal flood protection.
2. *Receive state approval to transfer maintenance of the Huff’s Corner levee on Cache Creek to the California Department of Water Resources.* Yolo County maintains .49 miles of levee on the south side of Cache Creek, located at River Mile 11.6 and known locally as Huff’s Corner. The California Department of Water Resources maintains the levees on the north side of the creek and downstream of Huff’s Corner as part of Sacramento River Flood Control Project. For unknown reasons, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors accepted responsibility of maintenance of this section of levee over 50 years ago. Yolo County does not have the expertise of a flood management agency, nor does the County have the funding or staff to adequately maintain this levee. The public benefits of levee maintenance also extend beyond the unincorporated area of Yolo County. Cache Creek flood events pose threats to infrastructure, landscapes, utilities, and life safety in the City of Woodland and the surrounding residences. Conceptual maps on 100-year flood events on Cache Creek, specifically at Huff’s Corner, indicate water levels of up to seven feet (7 ft.) in these communities within 24 hours of creek overtopping. Floodwaters also can transport large objects downstream, which can damage stationary structures and increase danger to residents. Flood events with peak stages occur approximately every 10 years on Cache Creek.