



THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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TRLIA BOARD TO VOTE ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

If approved, vote-by-mail election would be launched March 24

SOUTH YUBA COUNTY, CA – A resolution to form an assessment district for levee maintenance will be the subject of a vote of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) Board during its regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, at the Yuba County Government Center. If approved, ballots would be sent March 24 to approximately 10,000 property owners in Plumas Lake, Olivehurst and Linda. Proposed assessments range between \$11 and \$148, depending upon the benefit to the property from recent and ongoing flood protection improvements.

Approximately \$400 million is being invested to improve 29 miles of levees in South Yuba County. When finished, the area will become the first in the Central Valley to provide 200-year flood protection. Better protection comes at a higher cost – approximately \$800,000 each year to maintain the levees to urban requirements. Increased maintenance means more manpower and higher technical skills, improved levee maintenance equipment, more aggressive vegetation and rodent control, more frequent inspections, and financial resources to immediately correct levee problems and acquire and maintain levee easements.

Adding to the pressure is a recent dictate by FEMA that recent levee improvements will not be accredited unless those who maintain levees demonstrate provisions to pay for long-term operations and maintenance. In South Yuba, levee accreditation is critical to avoiding being remapped into a high-hazard flood zone. High hazard flood zone ratings trigger severe restrictions on development and mandatory and costly flood insurance for most property owners.

For more information, please visit www.trlia.org, or contact Paul Brunner, TRLIA Executive Director, at (530) 749-5679.

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The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, a joint powers agency, was established in May 2004 by the county of Yuba and Reclamation District 784 to finance and construct levee improvements in south Yuba County. Four work phases were identified with the goal of achieving 200-year flood protection. www.trlia.org