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TRLIA WINS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FLOOD MANAGEMENT

MARYSVILLE, CA – As the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority prepares to break ground on the final phase of its aggressive levee improvement program, it continues to garner awards for civil engineering excellence on recently completed works.

On March 9, the American Society of Civil Engineers Region 9 presented its Outstanding Flood Management award to TRIA for the Feather River Setback Levee project. Approximately six miles in length, the setback was designed and implemented to provide 200-year flood protection to more than 40,000 residents in South Yuba County, replacing a deficient levee that provided only 20-year flood protection, and opening approximately 1,600 acres of additional land for expanded floodway and ecological habitat. Regionally, the project is expected to lower water elevations by as much as 1.5 feet during significant flood events, easing pressure on both the Yuba and Feather River Levees and providing increased flood protection to South Yuba County, as well as the cities of Marysville and Yuba. Construction was completed in November 2009, and the setback and expanded floodway are now fully operational.

The ASCE Region 9 award is TRLIA's second in three years. TRLIA's Bear River Setback Levee was honored with the ASCE Region 9's Flood Control Project of the Year in 2008.

The Feather River Setback Levee is part of the Authority's \$405 million levee program to improve 29 miles of levees that protect Linda, Olivehurst, Arboga, and Plumas Lake. In April, TRLIA will break ground on the Upper Yuba Levee Improvement Project (UYLIP), the final phase of the project. TRLIA will be hosting a community meeting to discuss the project at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville.

For more information about TRLIA's levee improvement program, visit www.trlia.org, or call the UYLIP hotline at 530-763-7912.

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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 for more than 40,000 residents and nearly \$1 billion in property and structures. www.trlia.org