



# THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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## LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS ON TRACK FOR SUMMER 2009 COMPLETION

SOUTH YUBA COUNTY, CA - A massive project to improve 13 miles of levees in South Yuba County passed another major milestone, putting the communities of Linda, Olivehurst and Plumas Lake one step closer to unparalleled levels of flood protection.

The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) announced today the completion of Feather River Segment 3, part of its Phase Four Feather River Levee Improvement Project. Segment 1 is substantially complete, while nearly half the work has been accomplished on Segment 2 – the six-mile Feather River Setback. Work on the Setback levee is expected to continue throughout the winter (weather permitting), with completion of segments 1 and 2 anticipated in summer 2009.

When all phase four levee improvements are finished, South Yuba County will become the first urban area in the Central Valley to provide 200-year levels of flood protection. The total cost of all improvements is projected to be \$360 million.

“We’ve not let anything stand in the way of our goal to improve public safety for our residents, many of whom survived devastating flooding in 1986 and 1997,” said Yuba County Supervisor Mary Jane Griego, chair of the TRLIA Board. “Our goal is within reach, and we’re sprinting toward the finish.”

According to Griego, the levee improvements are targeted to be completed prior to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s adoption of updated flood hazard maps for Yuba County, an action slated for fall 2009.

The Feather River Levee Improvement Projects are located along the east bank of the Feather River between the Bear and Yuba River confluences. Segment 1 work stretches from the Bear River to approximately Star Bend, while Segment 3 reaches from Shanghai Bend to the Yuba River. Regionally, the project is expected to lower water elevations by more than a foot during flood events, easing pressures on both the Yuba and Feather Rivers and providing increased flood protection to the cities of Marysville and Yuba. The project will also create 1,550 acres for habitat and agricultural uses, to include farming.

For more information, please 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.*  
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