



THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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October 26 Ribbon Cutting for Feather River Levee Improvements

What: Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Feather River Setback Levee Improvement Project, a \$192 million public-private partnership to provide 200-year flood protection to 40,000 residents in Linda, Olivehurst and Plumas Lake.

Included in the project is the state's largest-ever setback levee at six miles in length. The entire program is believed to be the biggest active levee improvement effort west of New Orleans.

The state has provided the bulk of the project funding (\$138.5 million) through Prop 1E Early Implementation Project (EIP) funds. Yuba County, Yuba County Water Agency, Reclamation District 784, and local landowner Axel Karlshoej partnered to provide the local cost share.

Who: State Department of Natural Resources
State Department of Water Resources
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority
Reclamation District 784
Yuba County
Yuba County Water Agency

When: 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 26

Where: Feather River Setback Levee at Star Bend (Star Bend Boat Ramp)
Feather River Boulevard, Marysville
From Sacramento: Hwy 99 to CA-70 N, exit Feather River Boulevard (left turn off CA-70). Travel 4.5 miles to Star Bend Boat Launch parking lot, on left.

Why: The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority is managing a \$405 million program to improve 29 miles of levees in South Yuba County. The final phase of work will focus on \$68 million in improvements to the Upper Yuba River Levee. Today, Governor Schwarzenegger announced the award of \$47.5 million in Prop 1E EIP funds toward completion of that project.

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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 have been identified with the goal of achieving 200-year flood protection.