



THREE RIVERS REPORT

YOUR INFORMATION SOURCE ON THE THREE RIVERS LEVEE
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (TRLIA) FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT

FEMA ACCREDITS LEVEES!

Dear Property Owner:

Since 2004, we have been working fast and furiously to improve 29 miles of levees to reduce flood risk for Olivehurst, Linda, Arboga and Plumas Lake. In addition to improving public safety, a primary goal was to complete the levee improvements in time to keep Linda, Olivehurst, Arboga and Plumas Lake from being “mapped” into a high-risk flood zone by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In early June, we were informed that we achieved this goal. The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that it will accredit the recently improved levees as providing protection against the base-level flood. **As a result, most property owners with mortgages will not be required to purchase flood insurance, and building restrictions will not be implemented.** Visit www.trlia.org/FEMA.asp for more information on new FEMA maps.

TRLIA partnered closely with Yuba County, Reclamation District 784, the Yuba County Water Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, FEMA and the US Army Corps of Engineers on the aggressive levee improvement program.

However, we could not have been successful without community support. Last year, property owners approved an annual property assessment to pay for levee maintenance, a requirement for FEMA accreditation, and remained patient with traffic delays and other construction impacts. We would also like to recognize the property owners from whom land was acquired for levee construction.

As a result of these efforts, Yuba County is now home to some of the strongest levees and best flood protection in Northern California. Thank you for your continued support and trusting us to get the job done!

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Griego
Chair



Feather River Levee Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting - October 26, 2009

