

Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority  
September 18, 2008 Tour

On September 18, 2008 the Central Valley Flood Protection Board conducted a tour of the following flood control facilities in the Sutter and Yuba counties.

**Tour of Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority Construction Sites** -- the purpose of the tour was to inspect construction activities in Reclamation District 784 by Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA).

Mr. Paul Brunner of TRLIA led the tour of the construction sites. He stated at the beginning of the tour that the overall goal of the project was to improve levees by 2009 and that TRLIA had almost accomplished that goal. Mr. Brunner indicated that the primary focus of the tour would be to view and inspect on-going construction by TRLIA in RD 784. The tour participants stopped at the following construction sites. Mr. Brunner gave briefings at each of the stops.

- Beginning of Tour at Road 512 and Feather River Blvd
- Confluence of Feather and Bear Rivers
- Star Bend Boat Launch Facility
- Rich Road at new Setback Levee
- Anderson Avenue at new Setback Levee
- Plumas Avenue at new Setback Levee

**Sutter Bypass** – the purpose of the Sutter Bypass tour was to inspect the Sutter Bypass as local levee maintaining agencies had expressed concerns that the overgrown vegetation may not allow design flows to pass without encroaching on the freeboard.

Noel Lerner of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) led the tour of various locations within the Sutter Bypass, including the old growth tree area of the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge. Noel showed several locations where the vegetation was cleared recently by the Department to maintain the carrying capacity of the Bypass. However, Mr. Tom Ellis of the Sacramento River West Side Levee District and Lewis Bair representing RD 108 and SRWSLD expressed concerns that the vegetation removal is not sufficient to pass design flows without encroaching on the freeboard. Lewis and Tom shared a handout with the tour participants showing that during the 1997 high water, the stage in the bypass immediately up-stream of the old growth area was substantially higher as compared to downstream of the old growth vegetation in the Sutter Bypass.

The following persons participated in the Board sponsored September 18, 2008 tour.

Name

Agency

Steve Danna	Danna & Danna
Eric McGrath	Department of Water Resources
Noel Lerner	Department of Water Resources
Karen Hull	Department of Water Resources
Lady Bug Doherty	Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Joel Farris	Department of Water Resources
Dave Lane	Department of Water Resources
Mike Peters	Department of Water Resources
Jon Munger	Montna Farms
Al Montna	Montna Farms and LD 1
Kevin Foerster	U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Tom Ellis	Sac. River West Side Levee District
Lewis Bair	RD 108/SRWSLD
Steve Beckley	Department of Water Resources, Sutter Maint. Yard
Jeff Phinney	RD 784
Steve Fordice	RD 784
Don Wanket	GEI Consultants
Ginny Cahill	Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Nancy Finch	Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Doug Harder	TRLIA/Harder Co.
Kim Floyd	TRLIA/ Lucy & Co. Communications
Earl Nelson	Department of Water Resources
Paul Brunner	TRLIA
Gary Hester	Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Eric Koch	Department of Water Resources
Francis Hoffman	Hoffman Ranch
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