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Dear Representatives Shuster, Rahall, Gibbs and Bishop:

On behalf of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA), I want to express our strong support for H.R. 3080, the "Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013."

H.R. 3080 represents a major step forward in responsibly addressing the Nation's water resources needs. We are especially appreciative in the Committee's approach to authorizing Corps of Engineers' projects that have undergone full review by the Corps, such as the project for flood damage reduction in the American River Watershed (Natomas Basin). We also applaud sections of the bill that facilitate project implementation, including implementation by non-Federal interests, such as provisions relating to vegetation on levees (Sec. 124), credit for non-Federal work (Sec. 113) and Corps "408" approvals for non-Federal work (Sec. 106). We look forward to working with you and your staffs in support of these and other provisions as the bill moves forward.

Equally important, we applaud the bipartisan product developed by the Committee and the strong leadership you have demonstrated in preparing the bill.

Finally, we urge the Committee to expedite markup of H.R. 3080, to move the bill to House floor consideration quickly and to Conference with the Senate on its version of the bill so that enactment can occur during the First Session of this Congress.

Again, thank you for your leadership and bipartisan cooperation in introducing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard M. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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