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Sutter Supervisors Designate \$110,000 for Local Match to Fix Levee at Verona

Sutter County Supervisors on Tuesday allocated \$110,000 to help Reclamation District 1001 meet a local match obligation to fix a damaged levee that protects the Nicolaus Basin from flooding.

On a unanimous vote, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget amendment authorizing the expenditure of up to \$110,000 to make repairs to a section of the northern Natomas Cross Canal levee.

A crack and slumping developed in the Natomas Cross Canal levee in March, in the midst of a series of wind and rain storms that battered Northern California. Although Reclamation District 1001, and Sutter County, declared a state of local emergency, no state or federal emergency funds have been forthcoming to fix the levee.

After several unsuccessful attempts to secure 100 percent emergency funding to fix the levee, Reclamation District 1001 officials are on the verge of agreeing to pay a 25 percent match on a proposal by the Department of Water Resources to use state bond money, which requires a local match. The total cost of the proposed levee fix project is between \$550,000 and \$600,000. RD 1001 will get credit for engineering work and for fill dirt that they will be providing for the project.

RD 1001 is an operations and maintenance district and does not have the local match funds. Supervisors agreed to pay the local match out of General Fund revenues, from a fund established three years ago specifically for flood control purposes.

Repair work on the levee could begin as early as Sept. 1 and be completed as early as Oct. 1.

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