

The Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel: Provides the Sacramento Region with maritime access to

THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO

Surrounded on all sides by levees

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Deep Water **Ship Channel**



CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO and PORT OF SACRAMENTO

West Sacramento Flood

Protection Project

West Sacramento: Surrounded on all sides by levees

Surrounded by levees on all sides, the city of West Sacramento is inherently more vulnerable to flooding than most other urbanized areas in the country. The City and the California Department of Water Resources have undertaken an extensive effort to analyze the condition of the levees that protect the City's 45,000 residents. This evaluation has identified multiple problems, with seepage, stability, and erosion as the primary forms of levee deficiency.

A levee breach in West Sacramento would have catastrophic consequences both for the City's residents, and for key regional facilities, including the regional Postal Service sorting facility, the Union Pacific main rail line (which connects the San Francisco Bay Area to the rest of the country), and I-80 and US-50, the main east-west highways in Northern California.

The City is undertaking an effort to improve all of its levees to current standards. The federal government has a major interest in the delivery of appropriate flood protection to West Sacramento. The project will:

- **Reduce the risk of a Katrina-like disaster** to this community, protecting the safety of 45,000 residents and over \$3 billion in property value.
- Preserve the previous federal investment by addressing deficiencies that remain in the still-active congressionally-authorized West Sacramento Project.
- Protect facilities of regional and national significance, including the Union Pacific main railroad line, US-50, I-80, the regional USPS mail processing center, the regional Department of Water Resources flood fight facility, the California Highway Patrol Academy (a key facility in state emergencies), and the Port of Sacramento.



West Sacramento with Flood Waters in Yolo Bypass

Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel 35' Deepening Project

This project would complete a congressionally-authorized construction project adding five feet in depth to the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel, which connects West Sacramento to the San Francisco Bay. The project will:

- Allow 75% of the world's general cargo fleet to access the Sacramento region, as opposed to 30% currently.
- Reduce air emissions and decrease congestion on Interstate 80 by improving the economy of using the "water highway".
- Enhance cargo exports such as rice which strengthens the local and regional economies and the national balance of trade.
- Facilitate the import of bulk construction materials (cement, aggregate, lumber etc.) to the Sacramento region for private and public projects.
- Create habitat areas in the Sacramento River Delta.



35' Deepening Project: Congressionally authorized construction to add five feet in depth to the Sacramento Deep Water Channel.

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West Sacramento Flood

Protection Project

Background and Description

Surrounded by water during the winter months, the city of West Sacramento depends on levees for the safety of its residents. Only five years ago, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed levee improvements that were thought to have provided West Sacramento with adequate flood protection. However, the federal project improvements have already shown signs of deterioration, while the Katrina disaster and the new standards that have resulted have prompted the City to undertake a thorough, State and locally-funded review of its flood projection system.

This analysis has yielded sobering results. Based on the newest federal standards, multiple deficiencies have been found in the federal levee system that protects the City, with the predominant dangers being seepage, stability and erosion. The total estimated cost for needed repairs is over \$400 million. The City has moved proactively to address this challenge, with City residents recently voting to assess themselves for up to \$40 million of the needed funds. The balance is expected to come from private, state and federal sources.

For 2009 the City is requesting an appropriation of \$2.2 million for repair of an existing project levee and preparation of a general re-evaluation report (GRR) to facilitate a local/state/federal partnership to correct the rest of the City's levee system. In a separate request, the City is seeking \$1.925 million in the Department of Homeland Security Bill for land acquisition related to key levee repairs, and emergency preparedness.

Benefits of the Project

The Army Corps of Engineers is directly responsible for approximately 30 miles of the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel levee that provides the City's primary defense against substantial flood flows in the Yolo Bypass. The federal government has a tangible interest in the improvement of these levees, as well as the levees that protect the City from the Sacramento River to the east. **These improvements will:**

- Reduce federal liability associated with levees for which the Corps is responsible
- Lower the risk of a Katrina-like disaster inundating a city of 45,000 people and improvements assessed at over \$3 billion
- Preserve the federal government's previous \$33 million investment in the West Sacramento flood protection system
- Protect key facilities operated by the Corps, the State Department of Water Resources, Caltrans, and the California Highway Patrol, all of which are potentially critical in regional emergency response
- Protect infrastructure and facilities of regional and national significance, including the regional U.S. Postal Service processing facility, US-50, Interstate 80, the Union Pacific main railroad line, and the Port of Sacramento.

Project Schedule	
MILESTONE	STATUS
Initial Re-evaluation Contracts	COMPLETE
Deficiency Repairs	2008
Levee Evaluation Studies (Underway)	FY 2007
Economic and Environmental Analysis	FY 2007/2008
Completion of General Re-evaluation (GRR)	FY 2010
Construction Plans/Specs & Land Acquisition	FY 2012
Start Re-construction	FY 2013
Complete Construction	FY 2015



Partners / Supporters

- US Army Corps of Engineers
- California Department of Water Resources
- West Sacramento Flood Control Agency
- City of West Sacramento
- Reclamation District 900
- Reclamation District 537
- West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce
- Partners for Safe Levees (a partnership of local businesses and citizens)
- County of Yolo
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA)

City of West Sacramento Authorization & Appropriations Requests

1. West Sacramento Flood Protection - Urgent Repairs

 \$2,200,000 (FY2009) for system evaluation, design and construction (Energy and Water Appropriations)

2. West Sacramento Flood Protection - Flood Damage Reduction

 \$1,925,000 (FY2009) for land acquisition and emergency preparedness (Department of Homeland Security Bill)

3. Future Funding for West Sacramento Flood Protection-

TOTAL	\$400 N
Local	\$ 42 M
State	\$ 98 M
Federal Cost	\$260 M



FY 2009 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

Sacramento Deep Water Channel

35' Deepening Project

Background and Project Description

The existing depth of the deep water ship channel is too shallow for many cargo vessels, impairing the Port of Sacramento's competitiveness and threatening its economic survival. The proposed project would result in a uniform depth of 35' along the entire channel, giving shippers worldwide direct deep-water access to the Sacramento region.

- The project will enhance the Port of Sacramento's connection to the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean.
- Deepening is a congressionally authorized project , i.e. "Continuing Construction."
- Project was undertaken in 1988, but stopped in 1989 due to a conflict (now resolved) with a local utility.
- LRR (Limited Re-evaluation Report) was begun by the Corps in 2002 to study the possibility of re-initiating the deepening work. Scheduled for completion 2009.

Benefits of the Project

The proposed project would result in both direct economic and environmental benefits to the Sacramento region.

- Increases ship cargo capacity potential by 40%, improving the economics of moving cargo.
- Greater ship capacities mean the use of more modern and environmentally friendly ships, resulting in less emissions during channel transit.
- The proposed project would provide a source of 15 million cubic yards of material for potential use on Delta flood levees (WRDA 2000).
- Re-use of dredge material for levees helps to protect adjacent lands and property from catastrophic floods, preventing huge flows of sediments and man-made materials from entering the sensitive Delta ecosystem.
- The proposed 2010 throughput of 1.3 million tons will take 57,320 trucks off I-80, resulting in 2.2 million less vehicle miles traveled.
- Environmental benefits of the proposed project include restoration projects and a mitigation bank resulting from the dredging project.

Project Schedule

MILESTONE	STATUS
Evaluate project impacts of new ESA species listings	COMPLETED
Reconfirm existing mitigation plan	COMPLETED
Reconfirm a sufficient benefit/cost ratio	COMPLETED
Update drainage quantities and upland site capacities	FY 2008/2009
Supplemental NEPA and CEQA documents circulated	FY 2008/2009
Completion of LRR	FY 2008/2009
Start Dredging Construction	FY 2009/2010
Complete Dredging Construction	FY 2013



Partners / Supporters

The proposed project enjoys broad local support from an array of public and private entities, including:

- County of Yolo, City and County of Sacramento
- Ports of Oakland and Stockton
- Sacramento Metro and West Sacramento, Chambers of Commerce
- Greater Sacramento Building Industry Association
- Association of General Contractors
- International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU)
- Teamsters, Laborers International
- Sacramento Clean Air Partnership
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
- Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Farmers Rice Cooperative, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Agrium, Star Shipping
- Stevedoring Services of America, Marine Terminals Corporation/Ports America
- Cemex Cement, Pan Pacific Cement
- Calfornia Association of Port Authorities
- American Association of Port Authorities
- Northern California Trade Coalition

The Port's Federal Authorization & Appropriations Requests

1. \$1.1 million to complete the limited re-evaluation report and initiate plans and specifications (matches Corps capability)

FY 2008 - \$900 K

FY 2009 - \$1.1 M

2. \$57.3 million total estimated project cost of channel deepening.

Federal Cost \$28.3 M
Local Share (cash) \$9.3 M
Other Costs (R.O.W., utilities, etc.) \$19.7 M

3. Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) Request for local match credit for dredge material left in place for flood control projects.