Project History

- Currently protected by degraded “J” levee
- Hamilton City has been evacuated 6 times in 30 years
- In 2001 new planning policies offered an opportunity to combine flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration projects in a way that could make this project feasible.
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Project Partners and Stakeholders

Reclamation District 2140
Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
The Hamilton City Community Services District
Hamilton City Citizens in Action
Glenn County
Butte County
local agricultural interests
The US Army Corps of Engineers
US Fish and Wildlife Service
The Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Department of Water Resources
Department of Fish and Game
The California Bay-Delta Authority
The Nature Conservancy
Project Highlights

Project Components

- Remove degraded “J” Levee.
- Construct 6.8 miles of set back levee (90% chance of safely passing the 75 year flood event).
- Restore 1500 acres of native habitats.
Current Status

- Project was authorized for construction in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007
- 90% Designs completed in October 2009
- Designated in FY2012 President’s budget as 1 of only 2 new construction starts in the Nation for $8 Million.
Funding Next Steps

- President’s 2012 budget was released in February and had $8M for the Hamilton City Project
- The House and Senate must still develop the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that the President will sign into law, or veto.
- It is the language in the E&W bill that determines the final appropriations amount in 2012
- Very unlikely that the E&W bill will have a lesser amount for the project then what was in the President’s Budget
- Project will be “phased” according to the amount of appropriations
The First Phase

- Project is a Multi-Benefit project with joint use components
- Project must be constructed so as to not induce flooding
Project Next Steps

Once E&W bill is signed and funding received:

- Sign Project Partnership agreement with RD 2140
- Complete Plans and Specs to 100% design level and release for Requests for Proposals
- Construction expected to begin late summer 2012