



## 11 Quick Facts about the Woodland Flood Risk Management Project

**FACT 1:** The City of Woodland faces flood risk from Cache Creek and the Yolo Bypass. It currently has the highest flood risk of any urban area in the Central Valley (sources: USACE Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study and Central Valley Flood Protection Plan).

**FACT 2:** Cache Creek levees have a 1 in 7-year level of protection, resulting in over 25% of Woodland being placed in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (high-risk flood zone). This includes an economically disadvantaged area with 800 homes, and the industrial area that provides 10,000 jobs. Any property owner with a mortgage/property loan in this area is required by law to carry high-risk flood insurance. Premiums range from \$800 to \$3,000 per year.

**FACT 3:** Both the City's drinking water supply and wastewater treatment facilities are within the Special Flood Hazard Area. Absent a project to reduce flood risk for the greater area, the City would be required to pursue construction of a project to protect these facilities. The cost would likely be funded with water and sewer rates.

**FACT 4:** The proposed Woodland Flood Risk Management Project (Project) would provide 100-year flood protection to all properties within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area associated with flooding from Cache Creek. Once completed, requirements for high-risk flood insurance would be lifted for areas within the Cache Creek floodplain for areas protected by the new levee.

**FACT 5:** The project was developed in coordination with the City, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The project was identified after a 10+ year-process that evaluated 26 different alternatives and included input and an endorsement from a community-based advisory committee.

**FACT 6:** The USACE concluded that the project will not increase flood risk on any properties north of the City that are currently within and will remain in the floodplain. These properties will see no change in flood frequency, some of the properties will experience a reduced duration of flooding and the vast majority will see no change in flood depths. However, a portion of the properties closest to the proposed levee would see some increases in flood depth as documented in the Environmental Impact Report.

**FACT 7:** To ensure the properties north of the proposed project would benefit, the City would provide \$25,000,000 in funding to assist them with structural and nonstructural actions to reduce the risk of flood damages, if the project is constructed.

**FACT 8:** The Project received approval from the City Council in February of 2021 followed by the USACE in June of 2021. It has since been awarded \$5 million in federal funding authorization to advance its engineering and design. In addition, the project was included in the federal 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), positioning it for construction funding.



**FACT 9:** At the October 17, 2023, Woodland City Council meeting, Councilmembers voted to place Measure M on the March 5, 2024, ballot. If approved, this measure would authorize the City to accept at least \$300 million in project funding from federal and state agencies and move forward with design and construction.

**FACT 10:** AB 896 (Aguiar- Curry) was introduced this past year to facilitate constructing the project with up to 99% State cost share toward the non-federally funded project costs. Assemblymember Aguiar- Curry intends to reindorse the legislation this year and if signed into law, the local cost share would equal only 1% of project costs. The typical local cost share is 10%.

**FACT 11:** Agricultural lands east of Road 102 will remain in the FEMA 100-year floodplain because the proposed project will not correct deficiencies with the Yolo Bypass levee.