



Measure M is on the March 5 ballot. Here's a frequently asked question (FAQ) document about funding:

Q: California is facing a serious budget deficit. Will Woodland taxpayers be on the hook if state funding doesn't come through?

A: No.

Short answer: If state and federal funding is not provided or is delayed, the project would be delayed until such time funding is provided. Regardless, not all taxpayers will pay for the local cost share (maximum 10% of project costs) under any circumstances. The local cost share will be funded through grants and assessments on properties that benefit from the project. So, only properties within the floodplain will be assessed for part of the local cost share.

Long answer: Funding for the entire project is not needed all at once. The project is broken down into phases: environmental documentation, design and permitting, and construction.

The environmental phase has been completed and the design/permitting phase is underway. State and federal agencies have already appropriated the funding for design. Construction funding is not needed until 2028, at the earliest. Construction will be completed in stages starting with improvements to the Cache Creek Settling Basin levees. The remaining stages of the project will be completed as funds are appropriated.

While there are never any guarantees, the state has a vested interest in leveraging the 65% federal project cost share because flooding is a significant liability to the state. When the federal and local cost shares are combined, the state only pays 25% for project costs (perhaps as much as 29% in Woodland's case). The California Department of Finance, along with the current and past administrations, recognize the cost-benefit advantages to working with the federal government to implement projects to reduce flood risk, liability, and post-disaster lawsuits. Prevention will always be less costly. Finally, the City's state and federal partners have a great track record of funding this same type of project in other Central Valley communities, to include Sacramento, West Sacramento, Yuba County, Sutter County, and Stockton. Funding for those projects has been (or is being) done incrementally.

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