



# THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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Project Status Report dated May 17, 2010

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A progress report of the various phases of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) project is provided in the followings sections of this document. Updates are indicated with italics and underline.

### 1. Levee Design and Construction Work:

#### a. **Phase 4 – Yuba River Levee between Simpson Lane and the Goldfields:**

- 1) Environmental: The work from Simpson Lane up to the Goldfields area is planned to begin in 2010. Originally TRLIA had planned to accomplish the CEQA and NEPA process together in a joint document. However, TRLIA has opted to separate the joint CEQA /NEPA Upper Yuba Levee Improvement Project (UYLIP) document into separate CEQA and NEPA documents. This change was made to facilitate the initiation of right of way acquisitions and State and/or local approvals needed for construction of the UYLIP in 2010. It is anticipated that the Corps will issue a public notice that the Draft UYLIP Environmental Assessment for the Section 408 and 104 credit approvals is available for public review on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Draft EA will be available on the Corps and TRLIA web sites.

TRLIA issued the Draft IS/MND for public review on February 12 and the public review comment period ended on March 15<sup>th</sup>. A public information meeting to accept comments on the Draft IS/MND was held on March 8, 2010 and was well attended. The TRLIA Board adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration at their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and Notice of Determination was filed on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

TRLIA is working with the State (DWR & CVFPB staffs), Corps, and F&WS on using the Anderson Road Elderberry Mitigation site for the UYLIP project. The Anderson Site is along the Feather River and is located in the floodway. The F&WS Biological Opinion for the project will address concerns associated with the mitigation site being in the floodway.

- 2) Design: The UYLIP consists of 15,150 linear feet (LF) of cutoff wall ranging from 47 to 70 feet deep, 1,559 LF of seepage berm 80 feet to 150 feet wide at the end of the project, 3,159 LF of waterside slope rock erosion protection at the end of the project, and geometry corrections throughout the project reach.  
Listed below are several key design actions:

- a) The 90% Design Documentation Package is scheduled to be issued on May 21. TRLIA is coordinating with CVFPB Staff to resolve design issues that were discussed at the April CVFPB meeting during the 408 letter agenda item.
- b) The second TRLIA Board of Senior Consultants (BOSC) Meeting was held on March 11 to discuss the 60% design submittal. The BOSC found no problems with the 60% design. A third BOSC Meeting will be scheduled after the 90% submittal has been issued on May 21. CVFPB Staff, DWR, and the Corps will be invited to attend the meeting.
- c) TRLIA submitted a CVFPB Encroachment Permit Application on February 3, 2010 for the UYLIP. TRLIA has asked CVFPB staff to place this permit on the June CVFPB agenda for consideration and approval with the condition that the permit is good only once the Corps 408 approval is obtained. Waiting for the Corps 408 approval to be given prior to approving the encroachment permit will seriously impact construction this year. Anticipate the 408 Approval in late July or early August. CVFPB consideration of the encroachment permit in late August would essentially negate the construction season.
- d) Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) submitted a Section 104 request to the CVFPB on February 23, 2010. The CVFPB approved a request letter to the Corps of Engineers for the Section 104 Credit at the April CVFPB Meeting.
- e) TRLIA submitted the Draft Section 408 Summary Report on March 2 for review by the CVFPB and Corps of Engineers staff. The CVFPB approved a request letter to the Corps of Engineers for Section 408 Approval at the April CVFPB Meeting.

**b. Phase 4 – Feather River Levee between Bear and Yuba Rivers:**

**1) Segment 2:**

- a) **Part A of encroachment permit:** Embankment construction is complete. Asbuilt drawings are being prepared. FEMA levee certification documentation was submitted to FEMA on May 7. The only work remaining is development of 7 of 26 wells, pump testing and installation of manholes on all 26 wells, and placing rock aggregate on a portion (1,600 linear feet) of the landside toe access patrol road. TRLIA initiated construction activities for the 2010 construction season on April 12, 2010.
- b) **Existing Levee Degrade:** TRLIA re-started degradation for the 2010 construction season on April 12, 2010. Anticipate degrade to be completed by late July/early August.
- c) TRLIA submitted a separate encroachment permit application to the CVFPB for the Vegetated Wave Buffer on September 3, 2009. This encroachment permit is under review by the CVFPB staff. TRLIA met with DWR & CVFPB staff on April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss options on the long term O&M plan for this area. TRLIA plans on submitting the long term management plan for CVFPB consideration in May.

- c) TRLIA is preparing the permit application for the Feather River Elderberry Mitigation Area. TRLIA continues to work with DWR floodway maintenance staff and F&WS to develop an acceptable approach to floodway maintenance for all parties. DWR has set up a committee to guide the actions within the Feather River Corridor, with participation from various branches of DWR, the CVFPB, the local maintenance districts, TRLIA, the counties, and other interested stakeholder groups. The Committee is called the Feather River Corridor Management Plan development team.

## 2. Goldfields:

- a. The Corps of Engineers presented their hydraulic analysis and findings for the Goldfields area at the March 2010 CVFPB meeting. The key points from the presentation were:
  - 1) 100 year storm event: The Corps' has concluded that the Goldfields do not represent a risk from flooding for the 100 year storm event. This means that the Goldfields area is not anticipated to affect TRLIA's efforts to finalize the FEMA accreditation of the RD784 levee system.
  - 2) 200 year storm event: The Corps hydraulic model for the 200 year storm event shows flow coming out of the Goldfields area above the RD784 Patrol Road levee. This overflow results in shallow overland flow and impacts portions of East and West Linda, Olivehurst, and Arboga. As part of the GRR, the Corps evaluated an alternative that would build a new levee on the south side of the Goldfields. The Corps' conclusion is that the damages from the residual floodplain do not justify the cost of this levee. The benefit to cost ratio is 0.1. Thus the Corps will not be pursuing this alternative; however, the Corps representatives did not preclude Corps participation in the future should new information become available. This Corps hydraulic analysis implies that upon completion of the TRLIA program as currently defined, there would be a residual 200 year floodplain. The Corps analysis for the GRR should be considered at a feasibility level of analysis.
  - 3) TRLIA has initiated a hydraulic study to better define the risk of flooding from the Goldfields. The purpose of this effort is to reaffirm the Corps' conclusions for the 100 year event and to conduct a more detailed evaluation of the flood risk at the 200 year flood event. This analysis will be provided to the CVFPB, DWR and Corps at key milestones to seek agency input on the analysis. Once completed it can be used to identify alternatives to reduce the flood risk from the Goldfields. The TRLIA analysis is anticipated to be available by end of 2010.
- b. The USACE analysis of the Goldfields does not affect the need for the current TRLIA Upper Yuba River Levee Improvement Project (UYLIP). TRLIA's plans for the UYLIP include tying the levee into the Goldfields and strengthening the barrier between the mining area and the properties to the south. Regulatory agencies and TRLIA's BOSCO – a group of independent professional engineers who provide quality control and independent review of TRLIA's work – have concluded that the UYLIP will provide a high level of flood protection as designed for both 100-year and 200-year storm events.

- c. TRLIA remains committed to achieving 200 year flood protection for South Yuba County, and will keep the CVFPB and others up to date on our progress.

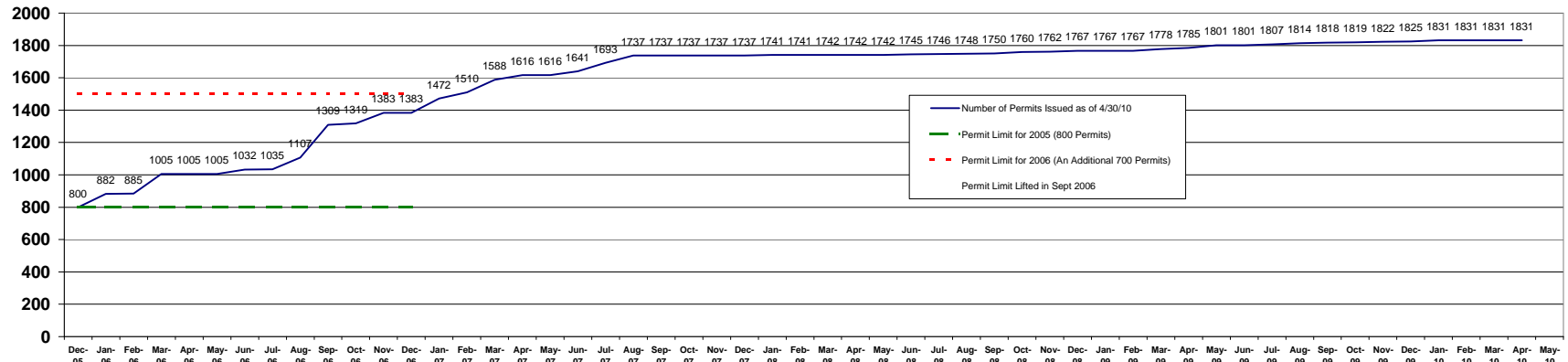
**3. Building Permits Issued in Plumas Lake Specific Plan Area and North Arboga Study Area in 2010:**

- a. The attached graph and table provides information related to residential building permits issued for the Plumas Lake Plan Area (PLSPA) and the North Arboga Study Area (NASA) within Yuba County in 2010.
- b. *As shown in the table, a total of 6 building permits have been issued in 2010 so far. No permits were issued in April of 2010.*

Attachments:

1. Building permit graphic
2. Building permit table

### Building Permits Issued in TRLIA Project Area



**Plumas Lake Specific Plan Area and North Arboga Study Area - Building Permits Issued in 2010**

Developer/Builder	Monthly Building Permits Issued for Plumas Lake and North Arboga Study Area										Total (By Builder)
	Jan-10		Feb-10		Mar-10		Apr-10		May-10		
	Plumas	NASA	Plumas	NASA	Plumas	NASA	Plumas	NASA	Plumas	NASA	
KB Homes North Bay	6										6
Cresleigh Homes											0
Forecast Homes/K Hovnanian											0
Homes by Towne/HBT Constr.											0
Beazer Homes											0
California Homes/Home Builders											0
Cassano Kamilos Homes											0
D.R. Horton/Western Pacific											0
Other											0
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>6</b>

As of April 30, 2010

**Total Permits for 2010 6**  
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