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**SAN JOAQUIN AREA FLOOD CONTROL AGENCY'S APPLICATION FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE SMITH CANAL CLOSURE STRUCTURE**

Enclosed please find the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency's (SJAFCA) application for Early Implementation Program (EIP) funding for the design phase of the Smith Canal Closure Structure. Per the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) instructions, we are enclosing one hard copy and one electronic copy of the application for your review.

SJAFCA is proposing to design and construct a closure structure at the mouth of Smith Canal on the San Joaquin River/Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel in Stockton. The closure structure is needed because the existing levees along Smith Canal do not meet FEMA or State standards for levees, which places approximately 7,800 homes and approximately 24,000 people at risk from flooding.

SJAFCA has been engaged with our local partners (Reclamation Districts 1614 and 828) on this project for almost three years spending significant time, effort, and money. During that time we have:

- evaluated various flood control alternatives for the Smith Canal area;
- worked extensively with FEMA on the closure structure concept and now have their approval for the proposed structure;
- been engaged with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the Lower San Joaquin River Feasibility Study to ensure that the Smith Canal Closure Structure can receive Federal credit eligibility through Section 104;
- visited New Orleans to see first-hand and learn how closure structures are being designed and built there;
- advanced the closure structure design to the 30% completion stage and are ready to advance design and begin the environmental review;
- begun the process to form an assessment district to fund the local share of the project.

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With this application, we are requesting EIP design funding assistance as indicated in Table 12 (Design Cost Breakdown: Credit Eligible Costs and Future Costs) in the amount of \$2,412,500.

In preparing our application (enclosed), we have worked diligently to address the requirements of the EIP Guidelines and PSP. We look forward to working with you through the application review process. If you require additional information or clarification on any aspect of the project and/or our application, please do not hesitate to contact Roger Churchwell at 209-937-8866 or [roger.churchwell@ci.stockton.ca.us](mailto:roger.churchwell@ci.stockton.ca.us).

  
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