

CROSS CREEK FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT



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Dear Secretary Macomber,

We are writing in the hopes that your agency can be of further assistance to our ongoing flood protection efforts for the City of Corcoran, critical facilities, and two CDCR institutions. We appreciate the support your agency has already provided in assisting us with sourcing soil material for the levee work. Now we are in a more desperate situation of seeking funding support for the remaining Corcoran Levee reinforcement work, and hope that you can be of assistance.

As you are aware, in March our community survived an uncontrolled onrush of Tule River flooding against our protective Corcoran Levee adjacent to the two institutions. This flash flooding caused levee erosion, and began filling the lowest parts of the Tulare Lake area. Now, however, we must diligently prepare and brace for the unprecedented Sierra Nevada snowpack that will melt and head our way. This will be a long enduring battle to withstand added water and erosion against the levee over an estimated two year long period. The initial March erosion to our Corcoran Levee can be seen on the attached map, and we know more erosion and degradation to the levee is to come.

Emergency repairs and reinforcement of the Corcoran Levee have begun, and we believe this repair and fortification levee work will help keep our community and two CDCR institutions protected. Standing idle is not an option, as time is of the essence to complete this work and protect critical facilities and infrastructure from the threat of flood damage. If we allow water to break through this protective barrier, flood damage and repair costs would soar into the billions and cause considerable disruption to CDCR facility operations and likely displacement relocation of staff and inmates. These two facilities are highly valued and important to our local economy and provide community support. We cannot afford to lose them.

The estimated cost to complete this work is approximately \$17 to \$21 million, and our local funding is now exhausted. We are also severely limited in our local agencies' ability to use other reserve funds. We are requesting any financial support that you can provide from CDCR as either direct funding or bridge support funding. The City of Corcoran in conjunction with the Cross Creek Flood Control District are willing to work in a collaborative manner with CDCR staff to the best extent possible to achieve reimbursement through Federal sources.

We understand this protective measure is expensive, and we are diligently seeking assistance from Department of Water Resources and CalOES and have requested U.S. Army Corps assistance as well. Finding flood protective measure funding is proving to be extremely elusive, but is crucial to ensure the success of these protection efforts. We would be grateful for any assistance you can provide in helping us fund this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Dustin Fuller
General Manager
Cross Creek Flood Control District

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CC: Governor Newsom
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