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September 23, 2020

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
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Dear Secretary James:

I write urging your full and fair consideration for both the proposal submitted by Napa County, for completing the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project and for Napa County's request for Operation and Maintenance funds for dredging of the Napa River.

The proposal for the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project requests a lump sum payment of \$48.3 million in Construction funds in either the FY 2021 Work Plan or the FY 2022 Budget to complete the Napa River Flood Control Project with Napa County paying the remaining cost of the project. As you know, the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project will provide 100-year flood protection while creating 900 acres of tidal wetlands. The Napa County proposal, requests that the Corps of Engineers cost share with Napa County on the last two justified features of the critical flood project. The project is 70 percent complete and my community is anxious to complete the project. In its proposal, the federal government's contributions would be reduced from \$65.9 million to \$48.3 million. I am told that to accomplish this the County plans to partner with local stakeholders, including developers, hotel owners, and local business owners to either build portions of the project, or elevate their projects, removing the flood threat and the need to build flood features.

As an additional request, I am asking for full and fair consideration of \$3.5 million in Operations and Maintenance funding in either the FY 2021 Work Plan or in the FY 2022 Budget for dredging of the Napa River. After the last dredging of the River in December of 2016, winter storms in early 2017, which were designated as a Presidentially-declared disaster, caused significant landslides depositing tremendous quantities of sediment in the Napa River. As a result, the river is no longer navigable due to this shoaling and has stopped commercial activity on the river, adding to our economic downturn.

For these reasons I request full and fair consideration for both the proposal submitted by Napa County, for completing the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project and for Napa County's request for Operation and Maintenance funds for dredging of the Napa River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "n" of "Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress