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**AUBURN DAM, MAJORITY SUPPORTS**

SACRAMENTO- Solid majorities of the residents of three counties in the Sacramento region favor building a dam at Auburn to provide flood protection, water, recreation and electricity. So say three surveys funded by the Auburn Dam Council.

Asked for their level of support for a "multipurpose water facility in the Auburn area...often referred to as the Auburn Dam...[that] would provide for additional flood protection, water storage, power generation, and recreation," 58%, 59% and 62% of voters in El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento counties respectively supported the project.

"I'm pleased. The Auburn Dam is still viable. A solid majority of the residents of our area feel the same," said Anthony Pescetti, former Assemblyman and President of the Auburn Dam Council. "Bar none the Auburn Dam is the best solution--most cost effective--to provide flood protection, new water supplies, expanded recreation and affordable electricity for our future. Further our survey shows the public understands water supplies and flood protection will be more important in the years to come."

"Katrina teaches us the horrible costs of half measures. Sacramento now has 78-year flood protection. Auburn Dam will have 500-year protection—twice New Orleans's protection before it was destroyed. Raising Folsom a few feet and trying to find and fix 2,300 miles of levees will not protect Sacramento," said Bob Massie.

The Sacramento survey showed that in February, even prior to Katrina, 90% of the citizens of Sacramento thought flood protection was important or very important. Flood protection was important to 86% in Placer County in its post-Katrina survey.

Officials representing downtown Sacramento and environmentalists have successfully vetoed Auburn Dam for decades. "The people of this region have always supported the Auburn Dam because they realize that hundreds of thousands of lives are in jeopardy until we build it," said U.S. Representative John Doolittle. "I am hopeful that leaders in Sacramento will not allow the loss of whitewater rafting along one stretch of river to prevent them from doing all they can to protect the lives and livelihoods at stake."

JD Franz Research Inc conducted surveys in El Dorado and Placer in October and November and in Sacramento in February 2005 respectively. The sample sizes were 311, 301, and 404 and margins of error were 5.6%, 5.6%, and 4.9% respectively.