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Capitol Alert: Sacramento gains flood control funds: Round 1

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Several Sacramento-area flood control projects gain funding, under a preliminary spending bill approved by a key House panel.

The largest chunk, some \$23.1 million, would go to American River projects, including design of levee improvements in Natomas. An additional \$19 million would go toward construction of an auxiliary spillway at Folsom Dam. South Sacramento flood protection would gain \$4.5 million and plans to raise Folsom Dam would gain \$906,000.

The money would be part of the Fiscal 2012 energy and water appropriations bill, which must still survive both the full House and Senate.

"Even in this austere budget environment, it is critical that Sacramento's basic flood protection needs are met," said Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento.