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## County of Tulare

### LAKE SUCCESS DAM SEISMIC REMEDIATION PROJECT

# ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONSTRUCTION \$10 MILLION

The Success Dam Seismic Remediation Project is being undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to address unstable materials beneath the core of the dam that could lead to a catastrophic failure. The Corps has long recognized this deficiency and has determined the best solution is to build a new dam immediately downstream of the existing structure. A federal funding request of \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2011 will initiate acquisition of needed property and facilitate design work and other preconstruction activities.

There are two projects that are underway at Lake Success: a Seismic Remediation project and an Enlargement Project. Construction and project related costs for the remediation project at Lake Success are estimated to be \$500 million. The remediation project is necessary to ensure the safety of the surrounding areas. The enlargement project increases the storage space in Lake Success from 82,000 to 110,000 acre-feet, a 34% increase. The additional storage space improves the flood protection for the City of Porterville and downstream agricultural lands, and provides additional water supply for agricultural use. The project was authorized in P.L. 106-53.

The Corps has identified a federal funding request of \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2011 to complete the design of the new dam, acquire needed property and to complete other preconstruction activities. Tulare County is requesting that this important federal funding be provided to the Corps in Fiscal Year 2011. The \$500,000 recommended in the President's 2011 budget is inadequate to move forward in any significant manner with the Dam projects.

The \$10 million in identified federal funding is crucial to the overall progress of both projects. The Corps needs the \$10 million secured in Fiscal Year 2011 to allow construction of the Success Dam project to move forward.

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