

## Ballot Argument in Support of Measure M

We have all seen the television news images of what flood damage does to a community. But when the news crews move on to the next story, we don't see the years it takes to rebuild those communities.

Every year in the United States, floods cause an average of \$2 billion in damage. California alone was projected to have \$3 billion in damage in last year. Unfortunately, Woodland sits in harm's way.

The state and federal governments have agreed on a solution. They will pay to channel flood waters that can threaten Woodland to flow into the bypass in the east - away from our homes, our businesses, and our water/sewer treatment facilities.

Measure M allows the City of Woodland to accept at least \$300 million in state and federal funding to build this channeling solution and avoid far greater costs of rebuilding a disastrously damaged community.

Your "yes" vote will mean the state and federal governments can pay 99% of the cost to keep flood waters away from where we live and work. And control the cost of homeowner insurance.

Investing in preventing damage and disaster doesn't make the news. But no news about a flood is good news for Woodland.

Measure M has the unanimous support of our City Council. Measure M deserves a unanimous "yes" from Woodland voters.

Tania Garcia-Cadena, Mayor  
Richard Lansburgh  
Tom Stallard

## **Argument Against Measure M**

***Here they go again!***

*This Floodwall was already rejected by Woodland voters in 2002 AND 2004. Additionally, a Yolo County court struck down the Woodland City Council's unlawful Floodwall approval in 2023.*

But now rich and powerful Measure M supporters have brought it back with exaggerated warnings and misleading statements *telling you to approve this massive, 5.6-mile, \$300 million Floodwall practically right on Woodland's northern border.*

***Don't be fooled!***

Promoters of this taxpayer-funded boondoggle claim it protects thousands of residents from future floods if Cache Creek levees fail. *But only 425 residences are actually in the 100-year floodplain requiring flood insurance; primarily in Beamer Park which has never seriously flooded!*

*They don't tell you the Floodwall makes "Losers" of many long-time local farmers between north Woodland and Cache Creek by putting them into a giant bathtub, devaluing their lands, and possibly leaving some with no way out.*

The "Winners" of this wasteful pork barrel project are *wealthy outside land speculators* who own and could potentially urbanize thousands of acres of farmland between east Woodland and the Yolo Bypass.

If this Floodwall is built, these lands would be removed from the

100-year floodplain potentially multiplying their value. *The largest of these speculators own thousands and thousands of acres that could be freed for sprawling development!*

And we aren't told that *State legislation to help pay up to 99% of the project costs cost FAILED in 2023 potentially leaving Woodland to pay if funds aren't secured!*

Plus, there are already plans to *rebuild the Cache Creek levees back to original design capacity. So why is this new Floodwall even necessary?*

Why should we pay so wealthy outside speculators "*Win*" and our own small farmers "*Lose*"? This is the reason some folks are calling this the "*Billionaires' Floodwall*".

***Don't be tricked!***

**Please vote No on Measure M – No on the Floodwall.**

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