

Response to Sally Serger

Ms. Serger obviously has a lost memory. Yes, we appreciate the work she and other did to promote two sales tax proposals in Sutter County. However, Sutter County CAO Larry Combs was quoted in the Appeal-Democrat that he could use the money wherever he wanted. Of course, people rejected this.

What Ms. Serger apparently has forgotten is that in July 2006, Sutter County Taxpayers Association (not the Yuba-Sutter Taxpayers Association as stated in Ms. Serger's letter) wrote a 24-page special report on "Flood Control and Levee Issues in Sutter County" to educate our residents on the dangers. On September 11, 2006, when our Supervisors and CAO Larry Combs kept saying "our levees are fine," SCTA set up a Town Hall meeting on Levees and Flood Protection, including Les Hardy, Deputy Director State Department of Water Resources; Brandon Muncy, Chief, Civil Works Branch, Sacramento District, and the managers of Sutter County levee and reclamation districts to educate the public. Well over 100 people attended.

When Sutter County still refused to move forward, SCTA then held a public meeting on January 3, 2007, at Lee's Canton--the only Sutter County official who attended was Auditor Controller Robert Stark, but four representatives of Yuba City attended. At this point, SCTA kicked off an ad-hoc committee to work on getting the levees fixed (see 1-4-2007 A-D article entitled "Taxpayers Want Higher Taxes). Only then did Sutter County step in to form a committee to really look at fixing our levees.

As stated in my May 5 letter, SCTA started promoting levee improvements in 1986 by writing numerous letters to local and state official and letters to the editor. Members routinely spoke at Board of Supervisor meetings and were on radio programs. SCTA publicly supported Proposition 1E.

To say SCTA was silent is absolutely false. We have worked long and hard to get our levees fixed and will not let Serger's untruths stand. And let me point out that Sally Serger is the Levee District 1 alternate on the SBFCA board.

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