

**Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) today joined officials from the City of Marysville, Yuba County Water Agency, Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to announce the start of construction to strengthen the 7.6 mile long Marysville Ring Levee. Upon completion of this four-phase, multi-year construction project, the Marysville Levee will be equipped with a 250 year level of protection. The first phase, located in the northeast of Marysville, is scheduled to be completed in 2011. Herger’s remarks follow below:**

“This groundbreaking begins to mark the fulfillment of a process that began over twenty years ago. We are here today entirely because of the dedication and unprecedented efforts of the local citizens and local agencies who have worked so hard for so long to make this project a reality. During that period, Marysville was again struck by flooding in 1997 that served as a tragic reminder of the urgent need to improve flood control in the Yuba-Sutter area. Despite the many challenges, this community and its leaders never gave up the cause; they just rolled up their sleeves and continued working to improve the safety of this area.

“We still have a long way to go, but this groundbreaking represents an important step forward in providing Marysville one of the highest levels of flood protection in the entire Central Valley. This project will play a major role in continuing to make Northern California such a great place to live. I look forward to continuing to work to see the full completion of this historic project.”